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## PA to hold 'national unity' talks with Hamas today

**By JON IMMANUEL and news agencies**  
A meeting of the Palestinian Authority and opposition groups, including Hamas, is to be held in Gaza today and tomorrow in an attempt to find common ground in light of the latest deterioration in the peace process.

demanding release of its prisoners, and a united stand against US and Israeli pressure. Yesterday, however, a human rights group reported that 10 Islamic activists jailed after the spate of bombings in March 1996 were re-arrested last Friday hours after being released on the orders of Palestinian Attorney-General Fayez Abu-Rahme.

significant that PA Chairman Yasser Arafat has called for the dialogue to include Hamas so soon after last month's Mahaneh Yehuda suicide bombing, which Hamas praised and may have perpetrated. "The talks are a national reaction to the failed policy which is led by this stranger [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu and reaction to the collective punishment and siege [of Palestinian territories]," said Palestinian Supplies Minister Abdel-Aziz

Shabean after yesterday's meeting. Above all, the talks are designed to show PA airlines opens in Gaza, Page 3

leaders, he accomplishes this goal. It represents "a refusal of the Israeli dictates to turn Yasser Arafat into a policeman getting orders from the Israeli Shin-Bet [the General Security Service]," Shabean told Reuters. Although there have been attempts at such dialogue before, which failed, this time it comes after the PA has taken several steps long called for by Hamas, including a boycott of Israeli goods and a refusal to

arrest Hamas activists based on a list supplied by Israel. Jamal Mansour, a leading Islamic radical from Nablus, said in the Ramallah-based *Al-Ayam* daily yesterday that Hamas participation would depend on the agenda of the meeting. Abdul-Aziz Rantisi, Gaza's leading Hamas representative, said yesterday an acceptable agenda had been achieved.

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## Restraint urged after rocket barrage

**PM: If we don't have quiet, neither will Lebanon**

**By JAY BUSHINSKY and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN**  
Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu termed Hizbullah's launching of Katyusha rockets at civilian targets in the Galilee yesterday "a most blatant violation" of the agreements concluded after last year's Operation Grapes of Wrath. He said that Israel will act to make sure this is not repeated. Speaking during a visit to Kiryat Shmona, Netanyahu warned that "if there is no quiet on the Israeli

cease-fire. "Israel considers itself committed to the understandings reached at the end of Operation Grapes of Wrath, but will not agree to the commission's being transformed into an arena for assaults on Israel and a forum for the consideration of unsubstantiated allegations against Israel," the official said. "Hizbullah's actions raise doubts about the survival of the understandings... and harm the commission's underpinnings."

Netanyahu also appealed to Syria to rein in Hizbullah. "Syria is able to stop this shooting. It must understand that it is also its interest. We are in contact with the US, which has already turned to Syria on this issue," he said. Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said that "the war against Hizbullah will continue. I hope that all civilians on both sides of the border will be outside the conflict. I call on the government and army of Lebanon to do what they should be doing to make sure there is quiet in Lebanon."

Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and other generals briefed the ministers. During the meeting, sources said, it was decided to try to stabilize the situation and refrain from needless confrontation. OC Northern Command Maj-Gen. Amiram Levine, a strong advocate of offensive operations, also briefed the ministers on methods of hitting Hizbullah.

Shahak added later that the only true way to end the violence is through a political agreement and urged the government of Lebanon to enforce its sovereignty. "We have a long war against Hizbullah," Shahak told Army Radio. "There is a very strange situation where although there is a government in Lebanon, Hizbullah is making its own policy. I assume these things will one day be solved."

Mordechai toured the area after having conferred with community leaders along the border. Mordechai also urged the Lebanese government to act more decisively so that citizens on both sides will not be harmed because of Hizbullah's irresponsibility.

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side, there will be no quiet on the Lebanese side." Despite the tough talk, the government's policy is, evidently aimed at winding down the current escalation by refraining from instant retaliation.

Netanyahu and the cabinet members who accompanied him on his tour - Foreign Minister David Levy, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, and National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon - indicated that Israel's objective is to reduce tensions in southern Lebanon and refrain from unnecessary confrontations. "The immediate goal is to halt the cycle of escalation which does not serve the interest of any side," an official statement, issued by Netanyahu's media adviser Shai Bazak, said. Israel wants both the citizens of Israel and Lebanon to live in tranquility, it added.

At the policymaking level, however, Israel accused Hizbullah of multiple violations of the Grapes of Wrath agreement. "The ultimate breach was the launching of Katyushas at Kiryat Shmona a week ago and again this morning all along the northern frontier," one official said. A protest was submitted to the American chairman and French deputy chairman of the commission charged with probing violations of the Grapes of Wrath

Over 80 Katyushas were reportedly fired; the IDF confirmed that some 45 landed inside the country, most in open fields. UNIFIL sources said about three-quarters of the rockets hit in the Western Galilee and some fell into the sea. The large number indicates that Hizbullah has no shortage of the 122 mm. rockets. It also appeared that Hizbullah tried to deliberately target unpopulated areas to avoid high casualties.

The IDF did not respond to the Katyushas, which were fired from a wide area inside south Lebanon. IDF sources said that the intention was to refrain from immediate action that could ignite the front. "The IDF is ready, and it will continue to be ready on this and the other side of the border," Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak told reporters in the Western Galilee. "If need be, we are

can take action. I hope very much, though, that lives will return to normal on both sides of the border. But if not, then we are here and we will do what is necessary." A source in Northern Command said that there have been no unusual troop movements. He dismissed a report on Channel 2 last night of 155 mm. artillery headed across the border as being taken out of context. "The intention is to return life to normal and the line is one of restraint," the source said. In south Lebanon, hundreds of residents fled their homes in anticipation of Israeli retaliation. Reports said the refugees flooded into Tyre with their belongings strapped to their cars and set up a tent city. The Katyusha attack called into question the effectiveness of the five-nation Grapes of Wrath monitoring group. Israel and Lebanon have both called for the group to meet. Reports from Lebanon said it will do so tomorrow at the UNIFIL headquarters in Nakoura. It will be its 16th meeting since last year's cease-fire.



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon (far left), and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman (second left) visit the Kiryat Shmona home that suffered a direct hit in yesterday's Katyusha attack. (AP)

## A new diagnosis for the power hungry

**By JUDY SIEGEL**  
What do Hitler, Saddam Hussein, and Pol Pot have in common? An Israeli psychotherapist has suggested the introduction of a new diagnostic category: excessive power strivings. Writing in the latest issue of the *Israel Journal of Psychiatry*, Dr. Israel Charney of the Hebrew University suggests that none of the existing categories in the psychiatric "bible," the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders IV*, is relevant to the issues of excessive power-seeking, corruption, and destructiveness. Charney, who teaches at the uni-

versity's Martin Buber Center, notes that "excessive power strivings poison the personality of the individual... and do unacceptable harm to other peoples' lives." The *DSM-IV* conventionally catalogues psychiatric disorders that affect patients' own selves; Charney's suggestion would be a condition in which a person harms others. Charney posits that a political leader can be deemed disturbed when he defines a target population as "undeserving," "inferior," or "enemies of the people"; forces a murderous population transfer; calls on followers or coerces them to commit mass murder-suicide; or is prepared to send people who oppose him into psychiatric hospitals, work camps, concentration camps, and killing fields.

## Northern settlements on strike today

**By BATSHEVA TSUR**  
Angry heads of northern border communities have called a general strike for today to protest against their economic situation. The government has failed to implement a promise, made after the Grapes of Wrath campaign, to send NIS 900 million to the northern settlements to help them in their financial plight, the council heads said. They also decided to send letters to ministers and MKs, telling them to refrain from visiting them after Katyusha attacks so as to avoid making more empty promises. The council heads also said they would not open schools unless promises for education budgets were fulfilled. Meanwhile, tourism in some areas

of the North was hard hit by the Katyusha barrage. "We had 15 percent cancellations from people who were due to come [yesterday and today]," said Dubi Ben-Ari, in charge of Kibbutz Kfar Blum's guest house. "But this stopped around noon when people heard that the area was quiet. Nevertheless, even this is a blow to us at the peak of the tourist season." "This afternoon, people are out on field trips again," he said. "It sounds much worse when you are not here in the area." As for the kibbutz members, "they

don't get excited about such situations and it is business as usual." A clerk at another kibbutz guest house said there had been "considerable cancellations in the region." At the Frank Hotel in Nahariya, receptionist Sigal Lev-Ari said that there had been no cancellations. "The hotel is almost 100% full," she said. President Ezer Weizman, who toured the North yesterday with his wife Reuma, called on vacationers to stay on. He praised the government's policy of restraint, saying that escalation would lead nowhere. "Hurting tourism is playing into the hands of the enemy," Weizman said. Aryeh Dean Cohen adds: The Education Ministry, at the request of the IDF, yesterday banned tips by summer school groups and youth movements to areas north of the Nahariya-Safed-Rosh Pina road. The ministry stressed that the move was taken in consultation with the IDF and that the ministry does not issue such orders without first being asked to do so by security officials.

## Jane's: Syria deploying tanks near Golan

**LONDON (AP)** - The Syrian army has deployed upgraded T-55 tanks from Ukraine in forward positions near the Golan Heights, *Jane's Defense Weekly* reported yesterday. Syria has ordered 200 T-55s from Ukraine and its army has taken delivery of the first batch, it said. The report follows last week's claim by Ambassador to the US Eliahu Ben-Eliass that Syria is preparing for war, while it declares it is ready to talk peace. Ben-Eliass alleged that Syria is trying very hard to rebuild its military. He said Syria has 600 to 700 missiles and noted that Ukrainian technicians are updating World War II-vintage T-55 tanks that Damascus had received from the former Soviet Union.

## Damage estimate: NIS 500,000

Yesterday's Katyusha barrage caused some NIS 200,000 in damage to farm land and NIS 300,000 to homes, the Income Tax and Property Tax Commission said in a statement. Most of the damage involved blown out windows, though one home in Kiryat Shmona suffered a direct hit. Residents of that home were evacuated and the contents of their home were put into storage. A guard was also stationed at their home. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

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# NEWS

in brief

## Army destroys Beit Sahur explosives

The IDF yesterday detonated several dozen kilograms of explosives from the Beit Sahur bomb factory discovered by the Palestinian Police last month. The explosives were handed over to the IDF by CIA officials, who had acted as an intermediary between the Israeli security forces and Palestinians security officials.

The explosives were detonated by IDF sappers in an open area between the village of Umm Tuba on the outskirts of Jerusalem and Beit Sahur.

*Margot Dudkevitch*

## Susskin's trial to begin today

The trial of Tatiana Susskin, charged with posting the Mohammed-as-a-pig leaflets in Hebron and throwing rocks at an Arab car, is to open today in Jerusalem District Court, with Susskin to be asked how she pleads to the charges against her.

Her attorney, Shmuel Caspar, is considering not entering a plea, but asking for another psychiatric evaluation to determine if she is fit to stand trial. He will also offer a list of people to whose homes Susskin could be released to house arrest, after Supreme Court Justice Ya'acov Kedmi ruled she could not be released to her boyfriend's home.

*Tim*

## Mekel named to Washington embassy

Consul-General in Atlanta Arye Mekel has been appointed information attaché at the embassy in Washington. Mekel has been posted in Atlanta for the past four years. The information attaché's term normally is three years.

Before his service in the diplomatic corps, Mekel worked as Israel Radio's political correspondent, was a senior political adviser to prime minister Yitzhak Shamir, and served as director-general of the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

*Jay Bushinsky*

## Free passage deal reached between Eilat and Akaba

Israeli and Jordanian officials yesterday agreed to grant free passage between Eilat and Akaba to 150 businesspeople respectively and to open consulates in the two cities next week.

This was a direct outcome of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's summit meeting with Jordan's King Hussein last week. The arrangements were made by representatives of the Foreign Ministry and a delegation of Jordanian officials headed by Akaba's governor, Fayez Dahouneh.

The agreement also calls for bilateral cooperation on ecological problems.

*Jay Bushinsky*

# Ya'alon: Hizbullah is committed to agreement

By LIAT COLLINS

Hizbullah sees itself as committed to the Grapes of Wrath understandings, but felt the need to respond to Monday's attacks on civilians by the South Lebanese Army with Katyusha rockets, OC Intelligence Maj-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

According to an official briefing, Ya'alon also noted that it was the first time that the Lebanese Army had fired on the Jezzine enclave.

He said that it is clear that Hizbullah has been restrained by Syria and still operates under Syrian auspices, although it does take independent action.

Ya'alon said there is a clear struggle going on within the Hizbullah between former secretary-general Suhbi Tufeli and current secretary-general Hassan Nasrallah.

He said the Lebanese Army is operating against Tufeli's branch, which called for a war on the Lebanese government, and has apparently had some success in reducing its actions.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid condemned as "unforgivable" all attacks on civilians, whether in Kiryat Shmona, Jezzine, or Sidon.

"Hizbullah is carrying out crimes against humanity in south Lebanon and northern Israel, but the South Lebanese Army, as our ally, should under no circumstances follow Hizbullah's footsteps," Sarid said.

"Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and the IDF must make it absolutely clear to [SLA commander Gen. Antoine] Lahad that Israel will not tolerate indiscriminate firing on centers of population."

Ran Cohen (Meretz) warned that the heavy fire on Sidon was the result of a lack of control over the SLA, which he called a "very dangerous situation."

Regarding Syria, Ya'alon said Damascus prefers the option of renewing negotiations, with the crux of the matter being the entire Golan Heights, but is operating in other directions — such as increasing ties with Iran — to show that it is able to gain the Golan by force if it chooses. These ties are apparently a signal

to the US to get the talks back on track. He said that there has been a slight warming of relations between Syria and Iraq, but they are still at a low level and can mainly be seen in opening the border to allow goods to cross into Iraq for humanitarian purposes.



Rivka Vaizel surveys the damage a Katyusha rocket did to her granddaughter's room in Kiryat Shmona yesterday.

## Weizman backs residents of North

By BATSHEVA TSUR

President Ezer Weizman last night came out in support of the criticism of the authorities voiced by angry residents of settlements in the North.

But he also praised the government's policy of restraint, saying that only a diplomatic solution with Syria could bring quiet to the area.

Weizman and his wife Reuma expressed their solidarity with the northern settlements by spending the night in a hotel near the border.

"The policy of restraint is wise. It has its limits but right now, it's the correct thing to do... The citizens would not like to see an escalation," Weizman told Channel 1.

Turning to the complaints voiced by the civilians he had met during his tour, Weizman said: "It's not possible that when the Katyushas hit, government representatives arrive here and try to start solving problems."

"There is, unfortunately, damage from earlier Katyusha attacks: there are unrepaired holes in roofs, damage to the tourist trade... The criticism is quite justified. Why do they have to suggest building a new neighborhood today? Couldn't this have been suggested before?"

Weizman said he had visited a kibbutz where not everyone has a security room. "I strongly suggest that the treatment of the North be ongoing and not just at the moment when something happens," he said.

## Sarid turns down UN trip

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid yesterday turned down an invitation to join a delegation led by Foreign Minister David Levy to the UN in September. Sarid, a member of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, was invited to join the delegation as an adviser.

Sarid said he could not be a member of a delegation whose political message is completely unacceptable to him. "This government's policies are fraught with dangers and I will not serve as a fig leaf. I would be deceiving myself if I did not say in New York all I say in Jerusalem," he said.

Commenting on Sarid's decision, Levy said it was "regrettable and contrary to Israel's governmental tradition." (Liat Collins)

## NEWSLINE

with Ephraim Sneh

Labor MK Ephraim Sneh, a reserve brigadier-general is a former commander of the IDF forces in south Lebanon.

OC Intelligence Maj-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon said yesterday that Hizbullah is willing to abide by the understandings reached following the Grapes of Wrath Campaign, but felt it had to respond to the attack on it by using its main strategic weapon. Do you agree with this assessment?

Katyushas are one of Hizbullah's means, not its only one. The damage and casualties Hizbullah inflicts on us are not from Katyushas but from land mines, roadside devices and anti-tank missiles. Katyushas are its only means of reaching Israel.

Do you then see this escalating as Hizbullah gets more sophisticated weapons?

I think escalation is measured in the frequency of attacks, not necessarily the type of weapon used. Hizbullah is looking for a pretext. We can expect an escalation if it is in the interests of Syria and Iran.

What is the role of these two countries in the hostilities?

When there is an escalation in Lebanon, it is the result of a Syrian and Iranian decision.

What about the Lebanese government? Is it not involved at all?

It's an illusion to think a sovereign government exists in Lebanon. There is only a puppet government run by the Syrians. Those who blame the Lebanese are only doing so to avoid blaming the real ruler of Lebanon, which is Syria.

Do you mean that only an agreement with Syria can bring peace in Lebanon?

Yes. Only through a comprehensive agreement with Syria can quiet be reached in Lebanon.

What about Hizbullah? What if we reach an agreement with Syria and find that, like Hamas and the Palestinian Authority, there is a rejectionist terror organization which keeps fighting?

The disarming of Hizbullah would be an indispensable and integral condition to peace in Lebanon. If we speak about peace with Lebanon, and that means normalization. There will be no normalization in Lebanon if there is an armed, pro-Iranian militia remaining inside it.

Would this work if we don't also reach an agreement with Iran?

One of our conditions for peace with Syria must be for it to disarm the pro-Iranian militia. If it isn't ready to do so, there will be no value to the peace. We can certainly expect this of [Syrian President Hafez] Assad. He's the person who slaughtered 20,000 Islamists in Hama. He certainly knows how to subdue Islamic radicals.

What has happened to the relationship between Israel and the South Lebanese Army? Why are we suddenly seeing harmful independent actions?

There is usually very tight coordination. But you have to understand what preceded Monday's events. The two children that had been killed were the orphans of a senior SLA officer whose two brothers were also killed by Hizbullah. So it is a family which has suffered a lot, and this caused a furious reaction. It's understandable.

The second point is that this was in the Jezzine area, where there are no IDF officers. With no liaison officers, coordination is of course not as tight as in other areas.

Does the struggle within Hizbullah play a role in the escalation of hostilities?

There is an internal struggle, but we are always in conflict with them; we are not the victims of this struggle.

Yes, we are against a unilateral IDF withdrawal from Lebanon, so what is your solution?

To reach a comprehensive agreement with Syria. It's the only way. Until then, we must continue to fight them as we do.

This means more guerrilla warfare?

Yes. Our troops there are doing an excellent job. We are winning the war in Lebanon.

How do you know we're winning?

Look at the number of tourists in upper Galilee. And remember that from July 1985 to August 1997, only six Israelis [civilians] have been killed. Consider these two facts together and you'll see who won the war.

*Liat Collins*

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# Report: PA jailed 125 for one year without filing charges

By JON IMMANUEL

At least 125 Palestinians have been held in Palestinian Authority jails for more than a year without any charges against them, according to the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group (PHRMG).

Nonetheless, the group said that the overall human rights situation has improved slightly during the three years the PA has been in office. Those jailed without charges include suspected Islamic radicals and collaborators.

In a report issued yesterday, PHRMG observed that the most serious problem is the routine intervention of the security services in the judicial system.

"The decision to rule Palestine by exclusively legal means has not been taken, despite numerous public statements by PA figures including President [Yasser] Arafat," the report said.

"Our conclusion is there are laws but they are not implemented," said PHRMG director Bassem Eid.

New Attorney-General Fayez Abu Rahme is considered more professional than the recently

deposed Khalid al-Kidrah, who was forced to resign after allegations of taking bribes. Abu Rahme was chairman of the Gaza Bar Association for 14 years and Al-Kidrah was his deputy for part of that time, but he too is circumscribed.

The Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment reported yesterday that 10 Hamas members, who had been released by Abu Rahme on Friday after 16 months in jail, were re-arrested a few hours later on Arafat's instructions. Two prison officials were arrested for complying with the Abu Rahme's instructions.

Abu Rahme's second most notable act so far was to criticize the trial of the three suspects in the murder of Israeli taxi driver Shmuel Ben-Baruch. The three were civilians, he said, and should have been tried in a civilian court, as "it is impossible to do justice in half an hour." He has also promised to release 180 prisoners and has released 27 alleged collaborators.

One of the most blatant violations of human rights involves Fathi Subuh, a professor of education at Gaza's Al-Azhar University. He set an

examination which asked students to give their opinion on PA corruption. He was arrested July 2, was not allowed to see his wife or a lawyer for a month, and was told his arrest was for security offenses unconnected with the exam. However, police searched his offices and took away the students' written answers, said Eid.

On July 12, the High Court in Gaza ordered the attorney-general to explain within eight days why Subuh was in jail. He did not respond, and Subuh is still in jail.

Among the human rights improvements Eid includes "a readiness by the PA to read human rights reports and to respond, to meet with human rights officials, and to stop arresting them."

Abu Rahme responded to the report by saying Gaza needs new laws concerning the procedure of arrest and investigation, and attributed deficiencies to the "modification and changes in the law which have been made necessary to agree with society's current needs."

In an earlier report the PHRMG noted two deaths from torture this year, and more than 85 torture cases.

# Ya'alon: Hamas behind Mahaneh Yehuda bombing

By LIAT COLLINS

Hamas was behind the suicide bombings in Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda, OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

According to an official briefing, Ya'alon said he would not be surprised if the terrorists were helped by the local terror infrastructure, but he did not explicitly state that they had come from abroad.

Ya'alon said Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat is apparently interested in a visit by US Secretary of State

Madeleine Albright, and this is why he has been acting to keep the situation calm recently.

Ya'alon rejected Palestinian claims that the closure is causing starvation in the territories.

He said Arafat has lately been trying to bring opposition elements to hold what he calls "a national dialogue." This is apparently aimed at creating a "stick" to threaten Israel with "spontaneous" violence.

Ya'alon said Hamas is satisfied with the current situation, particularly with the only marginal actions the PA is taking against them. He said he believes the PA could act against the terror infra-

structure. The problem is a matter of taking the decision, not the capability.

He said there has been slight progress in the security cooperation, but this is less the result of a decision in principle and more to please the US.

"One can't use the stick and the stick approach on Hamas without any hint of a carrot. Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said. "If Arafat doesn't have anything to lose, why should he make an effort? This government has brought Arafat to a situation in which even if he makes a 100 percent effort he will get nothing in return."

# Parents, teachers fight cuts

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The Secondary School Teachers Association yesterday became the Education Ministry's latest ally in the fight against proposed cuts in the education budget, joining a rapidly growing coalition to block the opening of the school year on September 1 unless the cuts are rescinded.

The association's leaders told Education Minister Zevulun Hammer of their decision in a meeting in Jerusalem, saying the cuts would have a harsh impact on the educational system.

"The system is collapsing before our eyes," Ron Erez, chairman of the organization's leadership, said. "We declared a work dispute on the matter in June, when the idea of the cuts was first raised, and the ministry promised us then there wouldn't be cuts. Today, two weeks before the opening of school, the minister and the director-general agree with us that the situation is intolerable."

"The drastic cut in the budget will completely paralyze the system, and increase the overflow in the classrooms, which are already overcrowded. Today, the system can devote about a minute per pupil per class. The cuts mean fewer pupils will learn, and even fewer will excel."

The union demanded Hammer make the government aware of the situation's seriousness, and demand an immediate change in policy.

"The teachers won't be able to just go through the motions, and get up in front of their classes on September 1, knowing how little they can offer them this year," Erez said.

Meanwhile, National Parents Association representatives joined the anti-cuts coalition, telling Hammer it would block the opening of school if proposed cuts are not rescinded.

Association chairman Shai Lachmann said the group told Hammer that "we fully support his position, and we appealed to the prime minister to stand by his commitment to the long school day."

Lachmann said the cuts would not only result in the cutting of 70,000 classroom hours, but would also mean schools in dire need of air conditioning would not receive it.

Hammer, meanwhile, announced plans to pursue legislation to set a minimum number of classroom hours per pupil and class, to prevent the reduction of class hours through the type of budget cuts the educational system is facing right now.

Hammer said that in the nation's 50th year, it was about time the government and the Knesset commit themselves in law to a set number of classroom hours.

"By doing so, I hope to wipe out once and for all repeated shake-ups which hurt the educational system every time the government or the Knesset decide on cuts in the Education Ministry budget," he said.



Palestinian tent camp

A woman looks out from her tent in an encampment set up in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Sawana yesterday. The camp's 50 families are threatened with confiscation of their Jerusalem residency permits because they are unable to find homes in the city. The encampment was set up on Wakf land with the permission of the police, and will be connected to electricity and water supplies. (Photo: Jon Immanuel; Photo: AP)

# Hamas man shackled to bed at Hadassah

By JUDY SIEGEL

A suspected Hamas terrorist who had been shackled to his bed at the orders of the security forces while undergoing treatment for anemia and diabetes at Hadassah-University Hospital was discharged yesterday and returned to prison.

Bassam Ali, of Bethlehem, who was arrested a week ago, had been admitted late last week to the Ein Kerem hospital.

Hadassah Medical Organization director-general Shmuel Penchas protested nearly a year ago against the shackling of security prisoners to their beds during treatment, and a special Justice Ministry committee was established to examine the issue.

Although the committee has not yet issued its final recommendations, it apparently has reached the interim conclusion that his doctor should be the one to decide if handcuffing a patient would endanger his health and interfere with his medical treatment, in which case he would not be bound.

In the latest case, Ali, who suffers from the blood disease thalassemia, had refused to take his medication, and therefore was taken to Hadassah for treatment. He was bound to his bed, at the insistence of security forces who remained to guard him round the clock, but Hadassah doctors said the "indignity" did not affect his treatment.

Israel Medical Association chairman Dr. Yoram Blacher yesterday wrote a letter to Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, asking him to do all he could so that the prisoner would not be bound at Hadassah, but Ali had already been discharged.

# PA airline headquarters opens in Gaza

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday inaugurated the 10-story headquarters of the fledgling Palestinian Airlines, whose 10 pilots currently fly two twin-engine planes between Egypt and Jordan.

The Palestinian leader cut a red ribbon and wrote in the guest book:

"Together on the way to Jerusalem." Construction of an airport in the southern Gaza Strip has been nearly completed, but the opening has been delayed because of a refusal to allow Israeli control over security and border crossings.

For the past month, Palestinian Airlines has been flying two 42-seat

twin-engine planes between Amman and the Egyptian resort El Arish. During the closure imposed on July 30 following the Mahaneh Yehuda bombings, the planes have been ferrying stranded Palestinians home.

Many Palestinians visit relatives in Jordan during the summer. Those who live in Gaza cannot return to

their homes by land because this would involve crossing Israel, which is off-limits during the closure. Instead, they fly from Amman to El Arish and cross into Gaza from there. (AP)

## PA

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Hamas officials in Damascus expressed their own views.

"We demand that Arafat admit the failure of the Oslo agreement... He has two options, to declare a general conscription, renew the intifada and join Hamas and Islamic Jihad in their struggle against Israel or to resign and admit defeat," said Abu Mohammed Mustafa.

The left-wing PLO groups confirmed their participation.

Abdul-Rahim Mallouh of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a PLO executive committee member, had modest expectations of the meeting.

"Our priority is not to resume negotiations until Israel ceases all settlement activity," he said.

Although the talks are unlikely to unite pro-and anti-Oslo forces, they are likely to increase the militancy of Arafat's posture.

While dedicating the Gaza office of Palestine Airlines yesterday, Arafat said Israel's decision to release 30% of monies owed to the PA was a "bad joke."

# IMA protests police investigation of physician

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Israel Medical Association yesterday sharply criticized a police decision to investigate the death of Ada Nativ, who died at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital last December while giving birth.

The decision followed the Health Ministry's sending the police a report on the deliberations of its internal investigations committee, which decided to file a complaint in a disciplinary board against the obstetrician involved, Dr. Menahem Neuman.

The physician was a close friend of Nativ's husband, who after her death claimed Neuman had been guilty of negligence.

The committee said that Neuman made errors of judgment and could have saved her if he had found the cause of hemorrhage earlier and performed a hysterectomy.

The IMA, however, objected to the police investigation, arguing that "at worst, there was a mistake in judgment. There is no place for a police investigation since it wasn't a criminal matter or negligence, but just a mistake. If the disciplinary board reaches the conclusion that there is suspicion of a criminal violation, the matter could then be passed on to the police for consideration."

The IMA added that the Nativ family filed three complaints with the police, but no investigation was carried out "until irrelevant pressures were put on them and they gave in."

It said it wouldn't let innocent doctors be accused of crimes.

"Police intervention in this case could bring about disastrous results, as doctors' judgment will be affected by the fear of a human error leading to a police investigation."

## DIAGNOSIS

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The category, however, can include people other than political leaders, Charny says.

"Excessive power strivings are not only visited upon lawyers, generals, and politicians, but are present in a wide variety of human beings, whenever internal and external checks and balances on the distribution of power and moral codes as to the value and inviolability of other people are not successfully promoted or internalized."

Such people can be found in schools, sports, adult work contexts, and many other areas of life in which people devote themselves to capturing control of a system.

Such a person will always demonstrate intense and extensive power strivings, but at least three of the following other characteristics must also be present before a diagnosis can be made: lack of empathy for and indifference to the suffering of others; "street-smart" alertness and cunning devoted to seizing and expanding

power; stepping on other people regardless of damage to them; scapegoating and projection of blame onto targeted individuals or a group, with an insistent need to identify certain others as lowly, worthless, and "deserving" victims; corruption by and addiction to power; demands that other people be dependent or become obedient followers; emphasis on concepts such as pure vs. impure, holy vs. infidel, chosen vs. condemned; an absence of conscience in matters that are self-serving; and a homicide/suicide orientation.

Charny explains that psychiatry has traditionally believed that a mentally ill person "is disorganized and unable to function well for himself," thus there is virtually no tradition of formally diagnosing people who themselves function well but are committed to damaging the capacity of others to function.

Ironically, people who hurt others might seem to be mentally healthy, for their "concentration of energy, skills, and purpose will often be far superior to that of others who are subject to greater emotional and moral complexity."

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# NEWS

in brief

## Ramat Hovav to undergo epidemiological survey

The Health and Environment ministries yesterday agreed to conduct an epidemiological survey of staffers of the Ramat Hovav dump in the Negev and of neighboring residents and to prepare joint policy regarding the site as a sanitation hazard. A plan for conducting the survey will be presented within two months, and a joint team will recommend what tests need to be conducted, study the data, and decide whether the dump site poses any danger to staffers and residents of the area.

This will be the first-ever epidemiological survey of this area, the Health Ministry said. *Judy Siegel*

## Olmert: Histadrut move decision 'grave'

The Histadrut's decision not to move its headquarters from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem is "really grave," Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert said yesterday.

"It's really unfortunate that they made this decision," he said. Last week, following disagreements between Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz, the Histadrut decided to revoke the decision to move its headquarters to Jerusalem. The Treasury, which had previously said that it would takeover the Histadrut's Tel Aviv offices, said that it could not afford to renovate them. Histadrut employees' complaints about the commute also contributed to the final decision, Olmert said. *Jennifer Friedlin*

## Bashari new Science Ministry D-G

Dr. Mordechai Bashari was yesterday appointed director-general of the Science Ministry, replacing Zvi Yanai, who asked to leave after four years in the post. Science Minister Michael Eitan had consulted on the appointment with Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom, who is due to take over as science minister in 11 months under a rotation agreement.

Bashari has a doctorate in theoretical physics and was previously deputy director-general and chief scientist of the Communications Ministry. In recent years, he has been a private adviser to industry. *Judy Siegel*

# Ayalon Mall refuse could have poisoned Yarkon

By BATSHEVA TSUR

Refuse discarded at the site of the Ayalon Mall could have blocked the free flow of the Yarkon River and led to the massive build-up of toxins that poisoned victims of the Maccabiah disaster last month.

Nehama Ronen, director-general of the Environment Ministry, told the Knesset State Control

Committee yesterday that shopping trolleys and other garbage from the mall were thrown into the river.

"The rivers in Israel are filled with trash, not with water," she said.

But a Health Ministry expert, Shalom Goldberger, said that there might be more than one factor that had led to the toxic buildup. The tests had revealed that there was a variety of toxins, he said.

A gloomy picture of the future of the country's drinking water was also painted by an expert from the local councils authority, who said that the failure to bury batteries in home use in a safe place is leading to extensive pollution. A few kilograms of nickel-cadmium from these batteries is enough to poison millions of cubic meters of water and it is imperative to collect batteries separately from other

garbage, he said.

The meeting was called by chairman Yossi Katz (Labor), despite the Knesset's summer recess. "In other countries, governments fall over environmental issues, while here everyone is apathetic," Katz said.

He noted that the state comptroller's report had come down exceptionally heavily on the disposal of dangerous waste products at the

Ramat Hovav dump.

Ronen added that the council running the dump had not begun operating the burner that had become operable a month ago and that various other ecological defects had not been corrected.

Katz said that the Ramat Hovav site is suffering because of disputes between the ministry and the council. He called on the prime minister to intervene and save the situation.

## Ministry eases controls on drugs

By JUDY SIEGEL

Major changes in the supervision and control of pharmaceuticals will be made as a result of decisions made by Health Minister Yehoshua Matza yesterday.

According to the ministry, drugs from the US, Canada and the European Union - which have already been licensed for use in the original country - will be approved for use here by the Health Ministry in a speedy process. In addition, the entire registration process of drugs from any other countries will be carried out in up to three months; now it can take many more months or even years.

A committee appointed by ministry director-general Prof. Gabi Barabash will next week present its recommendations on setting the prices of imported drugs, and guidelines will be issued during the first half of September. Parallel imports of medications - by entrepreneurs and health funds in addition to official importers - will begin from early 1998.

The ministry said that a special committee will formulate new policies for price supervision of locally manufactured drugs; the committee will consist of representatives from the Health and Finance ministries, as well as outsiders.

Matza said that these changes will bring about major savings in the health system and lower the cost of medications by 20% to 40%.

Matza said that after launching these efficiency measures, he feels he has "a moral basis" for demanding that the Treasury do its part to finance the deficits in the health system.



## Welcome, Aussies

Members of the Lazar family show off their oleh certificate alongside their Australian passports at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday shortly after arriving as part of a group of 23 new immigrants. The 23 were the largest number of Australians to arrive on any one day. They boosted the total number who have immigrated from that country this year to 86. *(Gideon Markovitz)*

## HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

NICHAL YUDELMAN

*Ha'aretz's* business editor Nebemia Strasser commended Prof. Yehuda Friedlander, rector of Bar-Ilan University, yesterday for saving the university's honor when he exposed the yeshivot as a shelter for idlers who are shirking army service at the Treasury's expense. No wonder the fundamentalist

functionaries jumped on him, Strasser says, quoting Shas MK Shlomo Benizri, who said the yeshiva students, who evade military service, are the ones protecting the nation.

Until when will the free majority listen to this babble, demands Strasser. "Until when will they 'kill them-

selves in the tents of Torah' while the sons of the secular majority are buried in the graveyards? Until when will we finance these parasites with our money?" he asks. Strasser notes that Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai of Shas, who laments the rise in unemployment, has declared all-out war on kibbutzim that open shops and restaurants on Shabbat in an effort to make ends meet. The kibbutzim are trying to make a living, "but Yishai doesn't understand this humanist morality, he doesn't understand anyone who tries to live by his own labor without needing charity."

Strasser suggests fighting the haredim back with legislation that would enforce compulsory military service for everyone and stop state allocations for the yeshivot.

This last will be a death blow to the yeshiva industry, which will cease providing a shelter for idlers and shirkers. The baredi strength will decrease, "because how many young men will study Torah without getting an exemption from military service and state financing?" Citing the Turkish government's legislation restricting Islamic education as an example, Strasser notes Ankara understood that if it did not take firm action, the fundamentalists would win and drag Turkey back to being an extremist, backward Moslem state. "When will they understand that here?" he asks.

communication services will deteriorate. By then, of course, hundreds of Bezeq workers will have been fired.

Instead of preserving and cultivating Bezeq, Israel's national communications company, the government did its best to eliminate the company's achievements and sell off parts of it to a foreign broker behind the workers' management's and even the communication minister's backs. At the same time, the workers find themselves depicted by government spokesmen and economic reporters as a gang of monopolistic, mafia-like parasites who are trying to deprive us of progress and almost free telephone calls.

Yona points out that no company which has been privatized has employed any additional workers, only fired workers. The workers' wages and conditions were not improved, only worsened, while their unions have been weakened or eliminated. In some cases tycoons purchased a company only to dissolve it, having wanted only the real estate it was situated on.

**Bibi and the cheerleaders**  
*Ha'aretz's* Hanna Kim focuses on the organized "spontaneous" groups which materialize in the most inappropriate places to demonstrate their support for Netanyahu.

One such bizarre spectacle took place outside the Caesarea villa where the Netanyahu was vacationing, and was the first demonstration ever to be held in Israel in support of a prime minister's vacation. Who are these anonymous demonstrators, wonders Kim, who are more disturbed by Netanyahu's image plight than by the stalemate in the peace process, the breakdown of relations with the Arab world, the increase in unemployment, the threat of a general strike and the possibility that the school year won't begin on time?

At first they were presented by Channels 1 and 2 as Caesarea residents who prepared a "warm welcome" for the prime minister. Then it turned out they were either a group from Pardes Hanna (*Ha'aretz*) or Likud members from settlements near Caesarea (*Ma'ariv*).

No less bizarre was the demonstration at the opening of the court case by former nanny Tania Shaw against Sara Netanyahu, where an anonymous group demonstrated against Shaw and in support of Netanyahu.

Both demonstrations smell of distant regimes, says Kim.

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# Discovery back after day's delay

By MARCIA DUNN

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) - After a day's delay, space shuttle Discovery and its crew of six returned to Earth yesterday with a satellite containing valuable information about Earth's ozone layer.

The space plane glided through a pale, mostly clear sky and landed at Kennedy Space Center just after sunrise, ending a 12-day journey for science.

"Welcome home. Looked like a perfect flight from start to finish," Mission Control told commander Curtis Brown Jr.

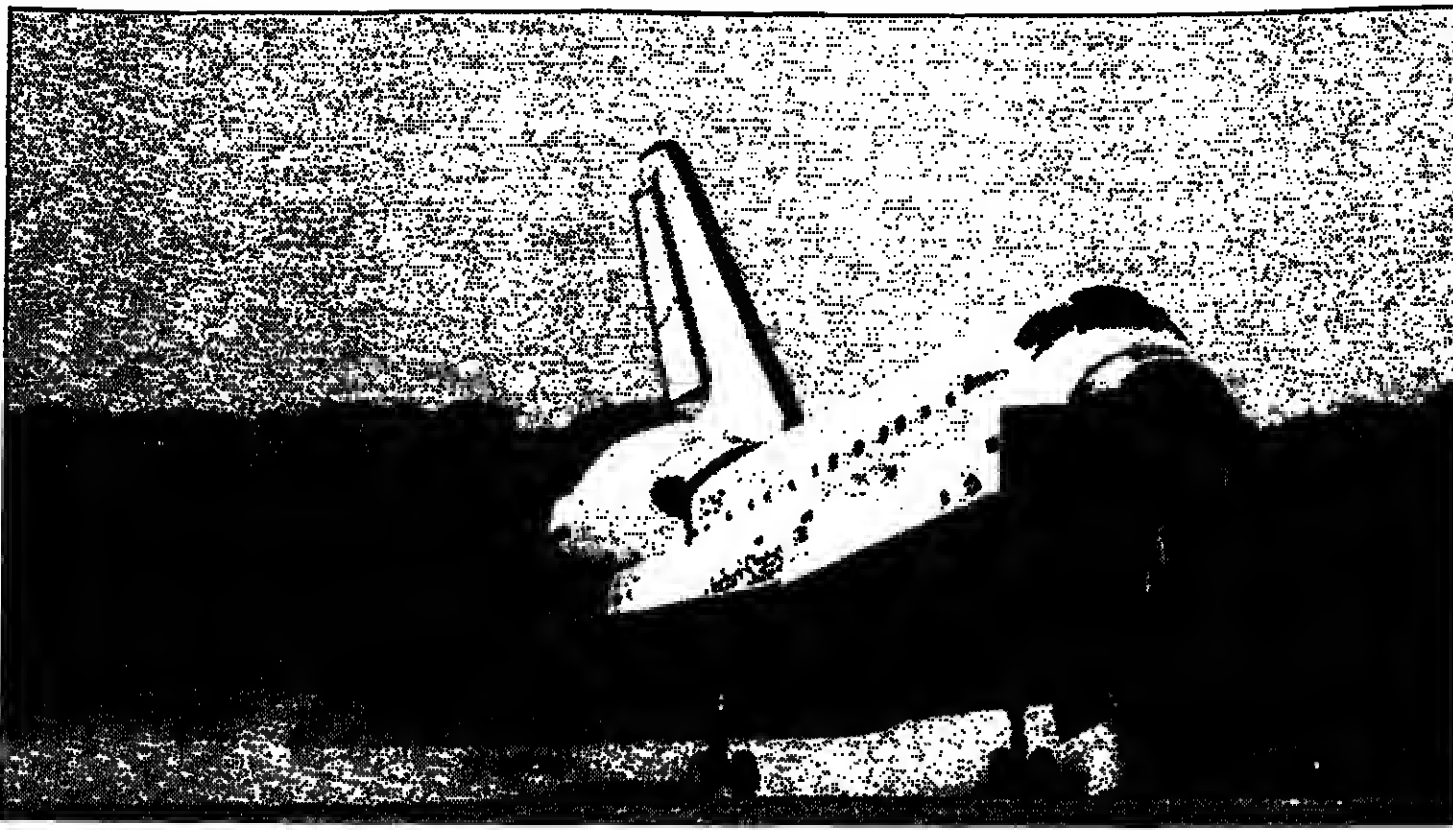
"And Discovery's glad to be home," Brown replied.

Throughout the morning, flight controllers had kept close watch on the hazy sky over Kennedy. But unlike on Monday, the conditions were judged to be safe and Brown got the go-ahead to come home. The shuttle passed over Guatemala and Belize, out over the Caribbean Sea west of Cuba, and northward into Florida and NASA's spaceport. A full moon helped light the way.

An hour before Monday's scheduled touchdown, NASA decided to delay the landing because of fears that pre-dawn haze might turn into fog. No fog developed, though.

During their flight, the five US astronauts and one Canadian worked with an environmental satellite, tested a small robot arm designed for the future international space station and observed the comet Hale-Bopp with an ultraviolet telescope.

The crew released the German-built satellite within hours of



The space shuttle Discovery touches down on Kennedy Space Center's runway yesterday ending a 12-day mission. (AP)

Discovery's launch on August 7 and picked it back up last weekend.

During its nine days of free flight, the satellite measured atmospheric temperatures and gases, including those responsible for ozone depletion. Virtually all the findings - enough to fill nearly a half-ton of computer disks - are recorded and stored on board.

"There was nothing that could have gone better," German project manager Konrad Moritz exulted shortly after Discovery landed. Scientists hope to get their data in about a month, once the satellite and its recorders are unloaded.

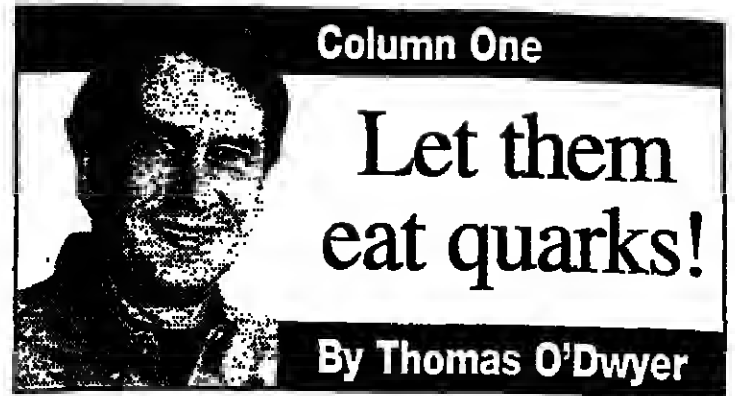
"They're bugging us all the time. 'Could we get it a week earlier?' Moritz said. 'It will take them a year or so, at least, to get

through the data."

Naval Research Laboratory physicist Robert Conway is especially eager to get his data. His ultraviolet telescope on the satellite found evidence of a surprisingly large amount of water vapor high above the northernmost latitudes, which tends to support the controversial theory that giant space snowballs are pelting Earth's atmosphere.

Next up for NASA: a ferry trip by space shuttle Atlantis to Russia's crippled space station Mir. Launch is scheduled for September 25.

Once Atlantis lifts off and docks, NASA's replacement for Mir astronaut Michael Foale, David Wolf, will have to stay up there no matter what - the shuttle won't have an extra seat to bring Wolf back.



Column One

## Let them eat quarks!

By Thomas O'Dwyer

A "symbolic explosion" lit up a dreary hillside in northeastern North Korea yesterday. What a pity it wasn't ignited under the throne of Kim Jong-il.

The fireworks were to mark the start of work on two nuclear reactors being built for the grim dictatorship by the hated Americans and South Koreans.

There was something obscene about the smirking dignitaries gathered where they were unable to look into the eyes of the starving people roaming far back in the hinterland.

About 200 of these elite foreigners gathered in the mist. Diplomats from nine countries and from the European Union put on silly white gloves to help release showers of confetti, streamers, and fireworks over the hills.

Vietnam's gift of 10,000 tons of rice aid, which also arrived yesterday, only accented the dark contrast between the bankruptcy of the country and the nuclear pretensions of its smug rulers.

By a combination of nuclear blackmail and pleas of poverty, North Korea has managed to bully this \$5 billion reactor project and vast amounts of food aid from those it calls sworn enemies, without making a single concession in its Orwellian domestic policies.

Preening themselves at the nuclear plant site yesterday were representatives of KEDO (Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization), an international consortium.

Footing the bill KEDO was formed in 1995 by the US, Japan, and South Korea under an agreement made between the Americans and North Koreans in 1994. It was later expanded to include Australia, Canada, Chile, Finland, Indonesia, New Zealand, and the European Union.

These nations are responsible for finding the cash to build two 1,000-megawatt light-water reactors for North Korea. In fact South Korea will foot most of the bill.

The project will take up to 10 years, and the world had better hope that is longer than the ugly regime in Pyongyang lasts. But no one should bet on it.

This obscenely costly venture in a country where poverty should be spelled with a capital P came about only because its rulers promised not to continue their rickety atomic weapons program. Make that an "alleged" weapons program. The only evidence that would stand up in court was that the UN international nuclear inspection authority discovered that the North Koreans were hiding fissionable material.

Godfather Kim

It represents a new low in international relations when a mafia state like North Korea can profit handsomely from just a hint that it might be making "The Bomb." A more appropriate response would have been to warn Kim Jong-il that if he threatened to use atomic power against anybody, he should remember Saddam Hussein.

"Mafia" is not a gratuitous term. Kim shows the style of a godfather being sentimental about his hungry children, and threatening to wipe out all the "enemies" crowding in on him from every direction.

The North Korean regime is a bully with no bargaining power, yet it still manages to repress its own people and make the rest of the world pay for its follies.

The country has been devastated by its worst drought in a century, adding natural disaster to incompetent government. With much of its food supply destroyed and no provisions for dealing with such an emergency, nearly five million of North Korea's 24 million people face starvation.

Neither the burden of famine, isolation, and grief, nor the charity being extended by its alleged enemies will deliver a nicer, gentler North Korea.

Refugees

Priority One is not prosperity for its people and peace with all mankind. That's not even on the agenda.

The aggressive bullying will continue until this ghastly regime is overthrown. "Build us new reactors or we'll build atomic bombs" may give way to "feed our people or we'll send five million starving refugees south."

And anyway, they might attack the south without warning in an orgy of mutual destruction, as they did once before.

That attitude was displayed when an American delegation of seven from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, trying to assess the needs of the people, was harassed and denied access to famine areas on a recent fact-finding trip.

Here is the obsessive secrecy of a paranoid ruler. He wishes to save his own neck by getting urgent food aid into the country - yet denies the donors the right to determine how much is needed where. Food distribution is a military secret. So, it would appear, is shame.

Congressman Porter Goss of Florida said the US should withhold aid unless the regime makes its food distribution "fully transparent and verifiable." The US has given North Korea \$52 million in food aid so far this year.

# Teamsters-UPS deal ends strike

By EUN-KYUNG KIM

WASHINGTON (AP) - Fleets of familiar brown trucks may be rolling in a few days, after United Parcel Service and the Teamsters Union yesterday announced agreement to end a 15-day strike that crippled the US's largest package carrier.

The union, one of the country's most powerful, claimed victory on the two most contentious issues - creation of more full-time jobs and protection of its pension system. Losing \$300 million a week, the company bowed to those demands. It did win a five-year contract, much longer than the union wanted.

And UPS officials warned of possibly 15,000 layoffs as the company struggles to rebuild business lost in a strike that idled 185,000 workers.

"We realize that our customers have suffered many inconveniences, and I want to assure them that our great service is going to be available to them very soon," David Murray, chief negotiator for UPS, said at an early morning news conference.

Teamsters chief Ron Carey admitted there

might be some short-term job losses, but called the 15,000 ouster a "scare tactic" left over from the intense hours of bargaining.

Teamsters leaders and the union's bargaining committee still have to approve the deal. They were flying to Washington yesterday to consider ratification.

The two sides agreed late Monday to a five-year deal that includes the union's demand for 10,000 new full-time jobs from existing part-time positions.

The company also will raise pay for full-time workers by \$3.10 an hour over the life of the contract, slightly less than what the union sought. Before the strike, an average full-time driver for UPS was paid \$19.95 an hour.

Part-timer workers also won pay increases; the company had offered nothing. UPS also abandoned its insistence on taking over management of pension plans from the union.

Carey declared the agreement "not just a Teamster victory, this is a victory for all working people." After years of "taking it on the chin, working families are telling big companies that we will fight for the American

dream," he said.

UPS spokesman Keo Stemed told CNN that "we have a plan to get our business up and running very quickly" but "conceivably" up to 15,000 jobs might be lost.

"Certainly there are jobs that will not be there," he said at UPS headquarters in Atlanta. "Hopefully, through growth we will be able to replace them eventually. It will just depend on package flows."

Competitors such as Federal Express and the US Postal Service rushed into the vacuum created by the strike and Stemed estimated 5 percent of UPS business might continue to be taken by them.

UPS officials would not detail the concessions they won from the Teamsters, but Carey acknowledged the five-year plan was longer than he wanted.

On Martha's Vineyard, a vacationing President Bill Clinton praised both sides for coming together.

"The issues that were at the heart of their negotiations are important to our nation's economic strength and to all Americans," he said in a statement.

# Mandela to host Sudan peace talks

CAPE TOWN (AP) - South African President Nelson Mandela said yesterday he hopes to host direct talks between Sudan President Omar Bashir and rebel leader Jemal Garang.

He was responding to reporters' questions during a meeting with a visiting Thai delegation. Ugandan president Yoweri Museveni, who along with other east African leaders is involved in a regional initiative to end the 14-year civil war in Sudan, would also be present, Mandela said.

Bashir was in Pretoria last week seeking Mandela's help as a mediator in getting Garang to consent to peace talks.

Garang leads Sudan's largest rebel group, the Sudan People's Liberation Army. He has steadfastly refused to sign a peace agreement that six other southern-based rebel groups have made with Bashir. The SPLA has pledged to fight until Bashir is overthrown.

Mandela said he has been in touch with Bashir, Garang and Museveni, and it was likely they would meet in South Africa. He did not specify a date, although Mandela's staff said it could be within the coming weeks.

Last week, foreign affairs officials denied Sudanese reports that Mandela would meet with Garang. The two leaders last met in December.

Talks scheduled for this week in Nairobi between Bashir and Garang were cancelled with no explanation.

The Sudanese agreement with the other six rebel groups calls for limited autonomy for the south's Christians and animists from the Moslem north. The southerners have been promised that in four years, they will be allowed to vote on secession.

Mandela, who tried to mediate a peaceful handover of power in the former Zaire, currently is involved in fostering talks on a resolution to continuing conflict in East Timor. South Africa also recently hosted principals of the Northern Ireland conflict in hopes they might be able to learn from the relatively peaceful transition from apartheid to black-majority rule.

# Nudists hold convention

By MICHAEL GRACZYK

WASHINGTON, Texas (AP) - The scene at the registration office shows that this is not your typical campground.

"Can I get some ice here?" a man wearing nothing but sandals and a sun tan asks an office attendant.

Some 1,500 people, giving new meaning to the phrase "traveling light," gathered last week at the Live Oak Resort about 135 km. northwest of Houston for the 66th annual national convention of the American Association for Nude Recreation.

"We are a cross-section of America - your friends, your neighbors, your coworkers," said Leonie Moore, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, president of the 50,000-member group - the nation's oldest and largest nudist organization.

Live Oak is one of 225 resorts in North America affiliated with the association. The only state without a site is Alaska, where it can get a bit chilly for naked volleyball.

But the annual meeting isn't all sunbathing and birthday suits. The association also has to conduct serious business.

Seated around tables, officers discuss annual dues (about \$60 a year for couples), lobbying efforts, legal matters and public relations. Some are wearing T-shirts, others have only a towel - to sit on. Roslyn Scheer, executive director

of the Kissimmee, Florida-based group, had just returned from the National Convention of State Legislators.

"Basically, our message is we don't need any new laws that have to do with nudity," she said, adding that her booth was among the most popular with lawmakers attending the gathering in Philadelphia.

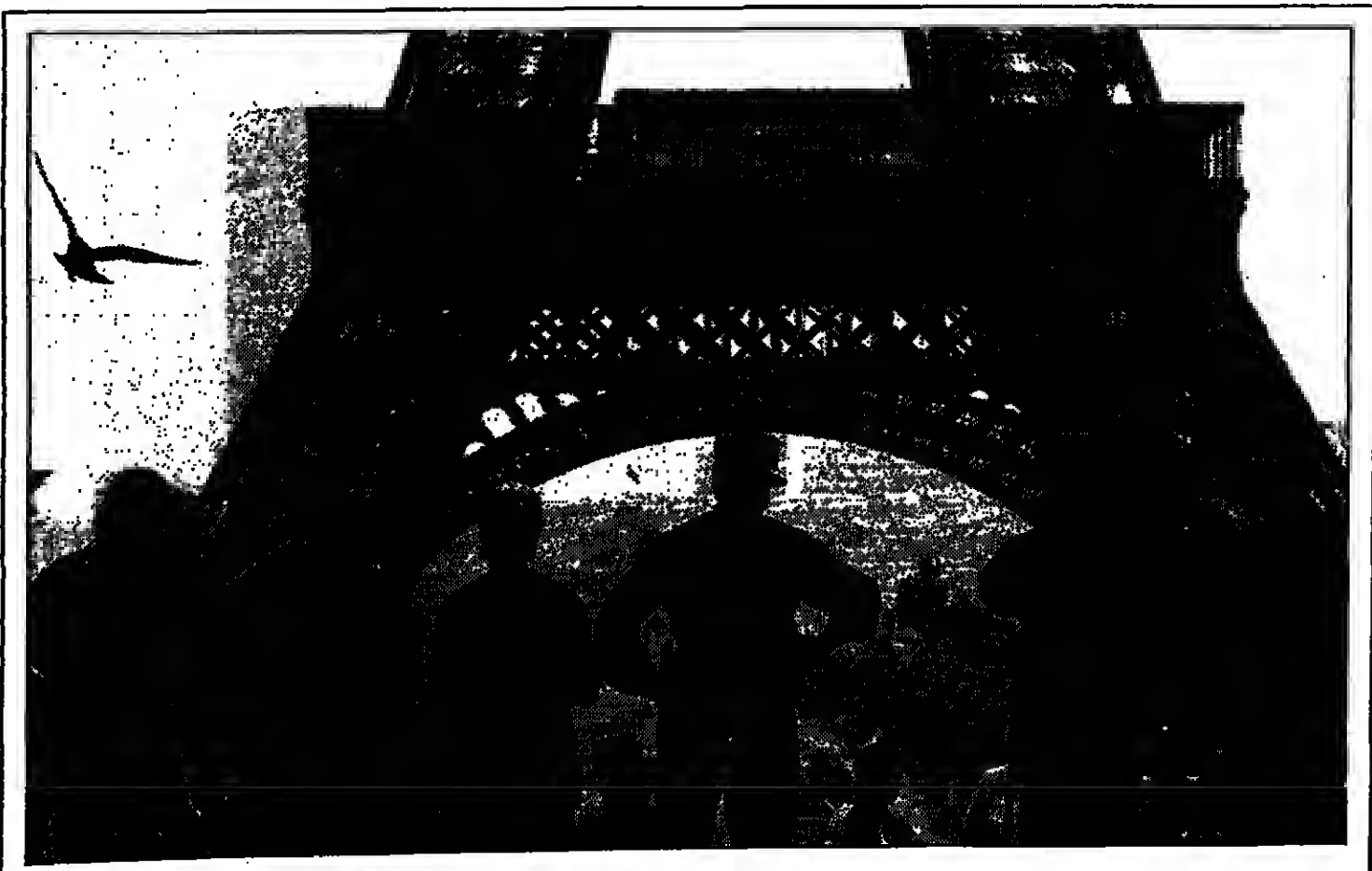
The nudists have to deal with some inconveniences. Without pockets, they are forced to find creative ways to hold their keys, change or credit cards. Some members wear sun visors that have pockets. Others have wrist straps that include a small pouch, or shoes with pockets.

"Contrary to people's ideas that we're oddballs, we're not," says Nate Kates, of San Bernardino, California, who retired from an aerospace company and has been active in the association for 38 years.

"We're just as intelligent as the next guy," he said, seated at a picnic table with three friends. His only clothing was a cap.

More than 92 percent of the association's members are at least 35 years old. Almost half have annual household incomes of over \$50,000. Two-thirds are married, about one-fifth are retired.

"The first time I thought it was bizarre and snickered a little bit," Moore said. "But it only took one visit to understand it's a very peaceful environment."



## World Catholic youth unite

A group of young American worshippers stand next to gendarmes on the Trocadero Plaza facing the Eiffel Tower yesterday prior to a mass marking the opening of the 12th World Youth Day. Some 220,000 young Catholics were expected to attend last night's mass and at least 500,000 are expected to turn out for Pope John Paul II's mass at Longchamps racetrack on Sunday. (AP)

# Iraq to allow Iranians to visit its shrines

BAGHDAD (Reuters) - Iraq will inform the Iranian Embassy in Baghdad of its decision to allow visits by Iranians to Iraq's Shi'ite shrines, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Baghdad radio said on Monday that President Saddam Hussein had decided to allow Iranian visits to the shrines, suspended since the start of the 1980-88 Iraq-Iran war, to resume from September 4.

An Iranian official was quoted as saying that Baghdad had not officially told Iran of its decision and that talks should be held between the two countries before the visits could start.

"We will inform the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Baghdad that what has been announced on August 18, 1997, is an official decision and it is valid as from September 4, 1997," the Iraqi spokesman, quoted by Baghdad radio, said.

He said talks between the two countries on receiving Iranian visitors had started in 1990, but had reached no results.

The spokesman said it is up to the Iranian government to allow its people to visit the shrines and Iraq would be "ready to receive Iranian citizens willing to visit Iraq's religious shrines as from September 4,

1997."

Shi'ites regard the shrines in Karbala and Najaf in southern Iraq as second only to Islam's holiest sites in Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia.

Iranian visits to the shrines were halted at the start of the war in which nearly one million people from Iran and Iraq died. September 4 is the date Iraq says the war started in 1980. Iran says it began on September 22.

"We have not been informed officially, and therefore we cannot take a specific stance. We are waiting for the Iraqi officials to communicate the matter to us," Iran's Foreign

Ministry spokesman Mahmoud Mohammadi said in comments carried by the English-language Iran News.

Iraq's most influential newspaper Babel urged Iran to react positively to the Iraqi decision by improving ties with Baghdad.

"We want the Iranian side to prove its goodwill and respond to Iraq's salute with a similar one," Babel, owned by Saddam's eldest son Uday, said in a front page editorial.

It said the Iraqi move is "another indication that Iraq is willing to prepare the ground for normalization of ties and solution to all pending issues."

# Plan would let US citizens to see pope in Cuba

NEW YORK (AP) - US travel restrictions for Cuba may be temporarily relaxed in January when Pope John Paul II visits the Caribbean nation, *The New York Times* reported yesterday.

The Clinton administration is reviewing a plan that would allow thousands of US citizens to travel direct from the United States to witness the visit, scheduled to start January 21 and last five days, the *Times* said.

The plan would also allow Catholic churches and charities to ship supplies and equipment to help Catholic officials in Cuba organize the event, the newspaper said.

"Out of respect for His Holiness, we are facilitating travel and the delivery of certain goods," James Rubin, a spokesman for Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, told the newspaper.

Officials said that, while the administration is prepared to grant special licenses to large groups, the move does not signal a general lifting of the 30-year-old American economic embargo against the Communist nation.

Although travel itself is not banned, US citizens and residents must currently fly there from a third country. Visitors must also adhere to many restrictions on spending US dollars there.



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## Two-edged sword

Once again, a barrage of Katyusha rockets against northern Israel has reminded the country about a war it has been trying to forget, the war in Lebanon. Perhaps since there were no lives lost in yesterday's early morning attack, the public debate has not degenerated into another demoralizing round of calls for a unilateral Israeli withdrawal. It would be a mistake, however, to wait until the next tragic incident to reexamine the choice between unpleasant alternatives in Lebanon.

This particular round began when Hizbullah bombed a civilian car in Jezzein, killing two orphans of a former South Lebanese Army commander. A local commander of the SLA retaliated with an artillery attack against civilians in Sidon, killing at least six people. Though the Israeli military denies that it knew of or could have prevented the attack, Hizbullah retaliated by firing about 50 Katyusha rockets onto the North.

Israel will certainly retaliate against this attack, but not by attacking civilians. In fact, it is Israel's objective to try and restore the understandings reached after the April 1996 Grapes of Wrath operation, which committed all sides not to attack civilian targets. Israel has requested a meeting of the international monitoring group that was set up at that time, which includes Syria, Lebanon, France, the United States and Israel.

Though there has been speculation recently that the Grapes of Wrath understandings would not hold up much longer, Israeli officials believe that one of the parties is looking for an escalation to the conflict, and therefore there is a good chance that the status quo ante can be restored. But even if the understandings are cobbed back together, the larger question of how best to secure Israel's northern border needs to be addressed.

Every time this question returns to the public agenda, top Israeli military and government officials correctly point out that a unilateral Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon risks bringing terrorism closer to the northern border. There is no doubt that the difficult and dangerous work of the IDF in the security zone is allowing Israel's northern citizens to sleep better at night, most of the time. There is also no guarantee that the alternative of defooting the border from inside Israel will provide a similar level of security.

Clearly, the choice between defending Israel by maintaining a constant presence in southern Lebanon or attempting the same task from inside Israel is not a simple one, nor is either option a perfect solution. Leaving the security

zone risks not only bringing the threat that much closer to Israeli civilians, but decreasing Israel's ability to combat guerrilla or terrorist threats in an ongoing fashion. Further, there is Israel's moral obligation not to abandon the SLA, which has fought not only for their own homes but in defense of Israel's interests.

On the other hand, no one can argue that the current situation is without risks and costs as well. From a military point of view, Israel's presence in Lebanon is a two-edged sword: Israel is better able to take the battle to the enemy, but the enemy is also more able to attack Israeli soldiers.

There are those who argue, in effect, that an Israeli withdrawal will solve the problem by removing Hizbullah's reason to attack Israel. It would be foolish to take at face value assurances from Hizbullah that their only objective is to expel Israel from Lebanon, and that Israel's security problem can be solved simply by withdrawing from Lebanon. Still, it is hard to believe that Hizbullah could maintain the tempo of its war against Israel once the primary justification of that war were removed.

Though the choice between unsavory alternatives is not obvious, what is clear is that it should not be clouded by political considerations and simple inertia. Aside from legitimate considerations, the unspoken fear of politicians in both major parties has been that any decision to withdraw from Lebanon would bring swift condemnation from the other party if the Katyusha attacks continued. In the absence of guarantees of improved security for the alternatives, the politically safest path has been to continue to urge the public to grit their teeth and accept the current situation.

The only way a rational decision can be made is if this shadow of politics is at least partially removed. For that to happen, the government and the opposition must agree on an approach, and do so out of the limelight. MKs from across the political spectrum, such as Yossi Beilin and Gideon Ezra, have in past months met to discuss Lebanon, but once such efforts became public they broke down under criticism from both sides.

If Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Labor Party leader Ehud Barak were to agree on a joint approach to the Lebanese dilemma, the result could be to stay or withdraw. In either case, the public will have a better sense that this life-and-death decision was taken in an honest effort to determine what is best for the country, and once taken, that it will not be subject to political exploitation by the other side.



## Under the CIA's auspices

What was the sense in sending Yitzhak Molho to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Ramallah on the same day that Arafat announced in Nablus that he would not accept Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's directives to launch a war on terrorism?

What was the point of the prime minister thanking the PA head for the Palestinian security services' help to the Israel Police in its efforts to track down the murderers of the Israeli taxi driver in Jericho, who Arafat explicitly announced at the same time, "We reject the Israeli demands to act against our brothers." He was referring, of course, to members of the terrorist organizations.

What can Israel gain from proclaiming the renewal of cooperation with the Palestinian security services, when at the same time, Arafat threatens a renewal of the intifada against Israel?

If these steps are intended to lay the groundwork for the Treasury to make a gesture to the PA by releasing 30 percent of the NIS 70 million in tax receipts that were frozen following the Mahaneh Yebuda attack, they could have timed it better. They didn't have to wait for an outburst of mockery from Arafat, which would give him an excuse to claim that Israelis only understand threats and forceful language.

Envoy who met Arafat, Jibril Rajoub or Mohammed Dahlan tend to downplay the importance of Palestinian public statements. The Americans also try to understand Arafat's situation: they reason that he is forced to make aggressive speeches for internal consumption. They try to persuade us all that we shouldn't pay attention to his offensive public outbursts against Israel (which he calls "Greater Micronesia") but should prefer secret talks and confidential actions.

For example, the Palestinian police arrested the Israeli driver's murderers, and on the same day they were sentenced to hard labor and long sentences. They also pro-

vided information on two cases of explosives missing from the terrorist laboratory in Beit Sahur, in order to check whether the explosives used in Mahaneh Yebuda came from the same source.

At first, these actions seem like an answer to the statements of Israel and the American secretary of state, that we've had enough promises and we need proof that the PA is making every effort to block terrorism. The fact is that this is not so.

### Arafat's speech in Nablus was a directive to all his followers: 'Don't fight the terrorist organizations'

Arafat's speech in Nablus last Saturday was more than a statement. It was a directive to all his followers: "Don't fight your brothers," in other words, "Don't combat the terrorist organizations."

It's fine to arrest three car thieves who murdered a Jewish driver, but not to extradite them to Israel. Hold a quick trial for them, in order to protect them from extradition. Give Israeli officers a sample of explosives found in the Hamas workshop in Beit Sahur so they can compare them to the explosives set off by the two suicide bombers in the Mahaneh Yebuda market. But at all costs don't try to uproot the terrorist infrastructure as Israel demands.

On the contrary: only this week Arafat announced his intention to convene a joint meeting with representatives of the Hamas and the Islamic Jihad to strengthen national unity.

Between Israel and Hamas, Arafat has chosen Hamas. Not only because he wants to avoid a Palestinian civil war, but because he doesn't want to let go of the

intifada weapon, his tool for squeezing concessions from Israel. In his Nablus speech he said explicitly, "Israel should remember the seven year struggle of the intifada. We are ready to begin all over again if we have to."

But the weight of the intifada wasn't borne by those who lived in luxury villas in Tunisia. It was borne by the masses living here, and many of them belong to Hamas and Islamic Jihad. Even now, the Fatah members in Nablus are unable to organize huge demonstrations. They need massive Hamas support.

ARAFAAT is caught on the horns of the dilemma. On one side, he wants to preserve the option of armed struggle as a means to achieve his political goals. On the other, he must fulfill the demands of the Americans, who support Israel's stance that the effort to uproot terrorism is a prerequisite for diplomatic negotiations.

In order to overcome this polarization they invented the notion of the "triangular mechanism," which gives the third side, the American CIA, referee status. Without any rules to cover this kind of situation, the referee is likely to rule for the need to advance Madeleine Albright's visit to the region as a means of progressing on final status talks, and not as a means of uprooting terror, as agreed between Israel and the US.

Hasty Israeli conclusions in the isolated case of the arrest of the murderers of the Israeli taxi driver in Jericho are liable to contribute to confusing the CIA's judgment. The gratitude that Arafat received for this action is liable to give him the mistaken impression that he need not exert himself in the struggle against terrorism. He can make do with marginal gestures that will release him from the obligation to fight terrorism. This may bring him to the negotiating table under the umbrella of his threat to renew the intifada.

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## Peace terms

STEPHEN S. ROSENFELD

Binyamin Netanyahu has altered the terms of Middle East diplomacy in a way that confirms and protects his ruling Likud Party's reluctance to yield much territory and any sovereignty to the Palestinians. Bill Clinton and his diplomats give scant sign of addressing the implications of the change. Their innocence makes American policy increasingly prone to irrelevance.

In the old days, the terms of the Israeli-Palestinian struggle were territory and peace. The Israelis would give up captured territory, the Palestinians would settle into a normal relationship. The Labor Party nailed these terms into the Oslo interim agreement of 1993, whose results Clinton hailed on the South Lawn of the White House.

Now, however, the promise of Israel returning territory has been quietly moved off the table. What the Palestinians are now offered is not territory in the old Labor sense, though Labor slogans ("Allon Plus") are used, and certainly not anything like even a marginal state of their own. They are offered merely a status of self-rule heavily circumscribed by Israeli prerogatives and a relationship with the Israelis regulated by Israeli needs of the moment.

Imagine that the Palestinians did everything the Israelis asked in the way of cracking down on terrorists - everything. They would get in return just a small, dependent misshapen territory carved up by Israeli roads and vulnerable to Israeli intervention the first time a kid threw a stone.

This seems to me what the Israelis in command are pursuing. They have wedded the claims of ideology to the claims of a political configuration that cannot possibly become the basis of

### There is no more talk of territory for peace - the basic deal that the company of nations has always embraced

the sort of negotiation that the United States encourages and that most people have in mind - including, at least in good cycles, perhaps a majority of Israelis.

JUST two days before the latest suicide bombing, Netanyahu was publicly celebrating his success in "lowering the level of terrorism" by inducing Palestinians to undertake "restraining moves alongside the actions we take - things which perhaps the public doesn't know of, but of which I am extremely proud."

Then the bombs went off, and suddenly Netanyahu had a long list of new things the Palestinians must immediately do to protect Israelis.

He's right, of course, in making high security demands on the Palestinians. His core demand here is right too: The Palestinians cannot be allowed to use security cooperation as a lever to induce Israeli bargaining concessions. The Egyptian and Jordanian leaders - as a close Netanyahu aide, Dore Gold, put it to me last week - did not let violence hover over the negotiating table. Nor should Yasser Arafat.

But it is wildly self-delusional, if it is not just plain cynical, for Israelis to imagine that their own political behavior has no effect on the Palestinian Authority's readiness to restrain both officially condoned and informally generated terrorism.

True, it is also delusional to think that even the fairest and most enlightened Israeli policy would lift from the Israelis the full curse of Palestinian terrorism. This awful phenomenon has sources beyond the normal political reach. As it is now, the Israeli position on terrorism involves an all-out and, if necessary, lonely struggle in which all tactics are justified.

The policy looks foally to be coming down hard on Arafat and other offenders in order to demonstrate that Palestinian deprivations have a cost. Those who do not have to go about every day wondering if their fellow bus passenger is a suicide bomber have an obligation of empathy; Israelis monitor it closely. But an obligation of empathy also runs to Palestinians striving for a political objective - a state - that is considered reasonable and normal in most parts of the world.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir, - After every terrorist outrage, we ask "Why?" There is, of course, the "hate factor" which finds satisfaction in the killing and maiming of Jews; but we should look beyond these self-identifying psychopathic tendencies to the strategic aims of terrorism. We have had terrorist attacks when the peace process was moving forward ("the enemies of peace" attempting to stop the process), and terrorist attacks when the peace process was stalled (trying, "out of frustration," to restore momentum to the process). The critics of the government, at home and abroad, use both these mutually contradictory justifications of the unjustifiable, with a supreme disregard for logic and honest debate.

It is obvious that Palestinian-initiated violence is a deliberate negotiating mechanism, and it is goal-oriented. The strategic aim of terrorism is to help Arafat and the Palestinians, by a process of blackmail, to extort the maximum concessions from Israel, so that what is euphemistically called the "final settlement" will be an effective launching pad for the "final solution," the elimination of the Jewish State.

To understand this strategy, we must change our mind-set. We

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must cease to accept the fiction that there are two peoples living across the Green Line: the moderate Palestinians headed by Yasser Arafat, and a gang of Islamic extremists, for whom he bears no responsibility. Just as there is only one Israeli people, despite our divergences, upon which terror is wreaked, so there is only one Palestinian people, despite their divisions, with whom we are attempting to conduct a dialogue of peace. Hamas and Islamic Jihad in their political aims are no less Palestinian than Arafat's PLO. The Hanan Ashrawis and Faisal Hussein are the persuasive, unctuous tongues of reason, the suicide bombers and their dispatchers the blood-stained instruments, and the imams and Arafat, calling for holy jihad "with blood and fire," are co-equal instigators of violence.

In the past violence has always worked to the Palestinians' advantage. Each time there was an attack, our previous government reacted with two knee-jerk responses: "The peace process must go on," and "we mustn't weaken Arafat, or we shall be dealing with Hamas." Well, we are dealing with Hamas, directly and indirectly, and they are not going to go away; and continuing the

peace process has so far been achieved only by the weakening of our resolve and the erosion of our position.

When the Netanyahu government has perceived to be strong, the blackmail of terrorism for a time ceased to be effective, but in the light of the government's more recent ambivalence of purpose - strong in talk but restrained in action - the Palestinians have once more resorted to the terror weapon. What should our response be? Seeking out and destroying terrorist cells is a necessary but short-term tactic. There is only one strategic answer to terrorism: First, know with whom we are dealing; and then, convince the Palestinians - by words and deeds - that the price they will in future pay for violence in all its forms will greatly exceed any immediate benefit they may hope to gain.

In conveying this unambiguous message, the government can only succeed if it is supported, rather than undermined, by the opposition. The messages of appeasement must stop. This is a time for the closing of ranks, rather than party political opportunism. As long as there is violence we are fighting a war, not making peace. GILBERT HERBERT  
Haifa.

cautions to protect their guests. What could have possessed you to deal so cavalierly with the safety and well-being of those who came to honor you? ADELE ADAMS  
Enfield, Conn.

## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On August 20, 1937, *The Palestine Post* reported that after prolonged litigation the Palestine Government's Settlement Officer dismissed Beduin claims to lands purchased by Jews near Hadera.

1947, *The Palestine Post* reported that a Jewish youth was shot dead and another wounded by shots fired at two Jewish buses from a passing military vehicle. More Revisionists were arrested in their homes and taken to the Latrun Detention Camp. The 32 Jewish families whose houses were

declared forfeited by the authorities were lodged in Haifa's schools.

25 years ago: King Hassan of Morocco, who narrowly escaped a number of assassination attempts, took over the control of his armed forces. Alexander Zvielli

## Understanding Hamas

Since the July 30 Mahaneh Yebuda suicide bombing the public has heard contradictory assessments of the Hamas movement. Some claim that the point of Hamas attacks is to derail the peace process, while others say the bombings are the result of a freeze in implementing the Oslo accords. Still others portray Hamas as a movement that is intent on killing Jews regardless of what else happens.

But Hamas and its motives are more complex than these simple analyses suggest. Hamas grew out of an international movement called the Muslim Brotherhood and is still a part of that movement. The Muslim Brotherhood, with roots going back to the late 1920s in Egypt, has traditionally opposed Arab nationalism, in both its Pan-Arab and individual state versions, because the establishment of secular Arab states was viewed as a step away from the ultimate goal of building a Moslem empire run according to Moslem religious law.

Even in the Palestinian context the movement kept its distance from Palestinian nationalism for a long time, until the sweeping nationalist sentiments of the intifada pushed it to give birth to Hamas, and the literally explosive marriage of religious fundamentalism and nationalist fervor. The Muslim Brotherhood has engaged in a long-running internal debate over the effectiveness and proper timing of militaristic actions to complement what is called "Da'wa." Da'wa involves preaching and hard work at the grass-roots level - helping the hopeless and setting up charitable societies, hospitals, schools and the like.

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in different countries, in response to how the movement was treated. In Egypt, the Brotherhood was declared illegal and hunted, and it therefore became an underground militant movement, complete with assassination plots. In Jordan, on the other hand, the

### The major failures of Oslo have played into the hands of the supporters of terrorism

Brotherhood is permitted broad freedom of activity and expression, and it has representatives in Parliament. The movement there has been a model of peaceful activity, operating as a "loyal opposition to His Majesty" within the system.

The Palestinian Moslem Brotherhood and its spin-off Hamas have always been considered subordinate to the movement's Amman headquarters. The effects of the Oslo agreements have strained that assumption, creating tension between Hamas in the territories and the Brotherhood in Jordan.

Oslo also brought about a complex relationship between the PA, Hamas and Israel. Many in Hamas viewed the Oslo accords as a covenant between Israel and the PLO to destroy the movement. Indeed, when the accords were signed political leaders forecast the eradication of Hamas "without human rights observers and without Supreme Court intervention." For Hamas, attacking Israeli tar-

gets attests to its identification of religious Jihad with the fight for Palestine. It also reflects its desire to stop the Oslo process in order to protect itself.

The PA, for its part, chose to reverse the Jordanian model. In the PA the military wing of Hamas is permitted relative freedom while the political leadership is targeted. The targeting of Hamas political activity has given Hamas additional incentive for terror attacks against Israel, which it perceives as indirectly weakening the PA.

Israel must be cognizant of these complex issues and review its actions vis-a-vis the PA and Hamas accordingly. Fighting the military wing of Hamas is beyond the Palestinian security forces' ability; they exhibit neither the will nor the capacity to contend with the full extent of Hamas' international ties and funding. International cooperation between Israel, Arab countries and Western nations is needed.

It is unlikely that the PA will grant Hamas the opportunity to develop politically rather than militarily, as in the Jordanian model. Trying to hurt the Palestinian population economically in order to strike at Hamas' popularity can also easily boomerang in an already extremely depressed Palestinian economy. The major failures of Oslo - not delivering on the promise of establishing a democratically and economically advanced Palestinian autonomy - have thus played into the hands of the supporters of terrorism.

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# How virtual pyramids might save the real ones

By DOUGLAS JERN

The grandeur of the Great Pyramids of Giza may be best appreciated from afar— from across the desert, perhaps on horseback.

But to those drawn also by the labyrinthine mysteries within, there is bad news: One by one, their cramped passageways are being closed, at least temporarily, to tourists.

The latest of the pyramids to be shut is Mycerinus (also known as Menkaure), the third and smallest of the behemoths on the outskirts of Cairo. Archeologists had discovered that the moisture exhaled by tourists exploring the poorly ventilated chambers had raised humidity to dangerous levels, causing crystallized salt to line the walls and beginning to blacken them with fungi.

The danger, according to Zahi Hawass, the director of the pyramids and one who would prefer that they all be closed to tourists permanently, is that the salt can begin to crack and irrevocably weaken the 4,500-year-old structures, which are among the oldest surviving man-made constructions.

There is an ancient Egyptian saying that "Man fears time, and time fears the pyramids," but this is no longer true, Hawass said. "The pyramids must fear time, too."

For at least the next year, Hawass said, workers will replace

worn-out portions of the interior walls with a limestone material, and a ventilation system may be constructed to help withdraw the air that otherwise accumulates in dangerous quantities.

The Mycerinus pyramid has no ventilation system of its own, and archeologists believe it may be more greatly damaged than either of the other two Great Pyramids that share the Giza plateau. The repairs are estimated to cost thousands of dollars, almost all of it to come from visitor fees, which have climbed to about \$7 a person in recent years to help pay for the refurbishment.

MYCERINUS PYRAMID, more than 65 meters tall, first opened to the public in 1882. This is the first time it has been closed since, to other Great Pyramids have been closed in succession to visitors.

Five years ago, the largest pyramid, known as Cheops or K, was closed for nearly a year for similar renovations, and beginning last August, the second-largest pyramid, Chephren, was closed for nearly a year, and did not reopen until late spring.

Other nearby pyramids, smaller but in their own way just as dramatic, remain open to visitors, including the step pyramids of Saqqara and the newly opened pyramids in Dashour. And in October, the Great Sphinx of Giza will be stripped of the scaffolding that has covered it during renovations that have lasted for a decade.

As many as 5,000 visitors a day come to the pyramids on the Giza



One by one, the passageways inside the pyramids are being closed to tourists. (Richard Nowitz)

plateau, and the number of visitors to Egypt swelled to a record of three million last year. As construction of hotels on the Red Sea and in Cairo proceeds nonstop, the Ministry of Tourism has spoken of ambitious plans to bring as many

as eight million visitors to Egypt by the year 2000, and there are those who believe that more drastic steps toward preservation may be needed. Hawass, for one, hopes that a new Imax film featuring dramatic

interior shots of the pyramids and other pharaonic sites may provide the curious with a virtual experience that could substitute for the real thing. The film, starring Omar Sharif, will probably open in theaters around the world sometime next spring.

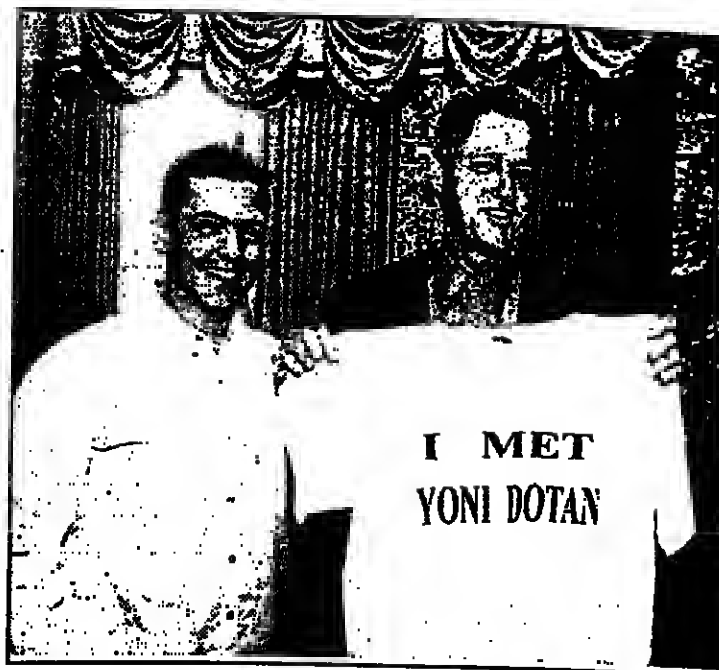
Hawass is also leading a campaign to ban horses and camels from the plateau on grounds that they add to pollution and are unsightly. Inside the grand structures, visitors have used the burial chambers as lavatories, filling some with an unbearable stench. And along with the relics of early archeologists, the less fascinating detritus of new visitors can be found: cigarette butts, graffiti, even condom wrappers.

During the cleaning itself, water is unlikely to be used; archeologists are fearful that any further increase in humidity could cause more damage. And though the closing has been officially announced as likely to last just six months, Hawass said that at least a year will be required to repair the damage.

Hawass is currently resigned to a system that will close the pyramids in succession, and in the meantime will install a new electrical system and interior lights to help visitors appreciate them more fully. But in the long term, he wishes that people would do more to savor the sacred chambers from afar.

"The magic of the pyramids is from the outside, not the inside," Hawass said. (New York Times)

## GRAPEVINE



President Clinton holds an "I met Yoni Dotan" T-shirt given him by Yoni Dotan, son of entertainer Dudu Dotan. (AP)

## Anything you wish

By GREEN FAY CASHMAN

His father is usually the center of attention, but last week 17-year-old Yoni Dotan, the son of comedian Dudu Dotan, was in the limelight when he had a meeting with US President Bill Clinton to whom he presented an extra large T-shirt emblazoned "I met Yoni Dotan." The junior Dotan, his parents, and two sisters were guests at the White House at the initiative of the Make a Wish Association. When Yoni was ill with cancer, Avi and Denise Bar-Aharon, the local representatives for Make a Wish, went to see him in the hospital and offered him the chance to ask for anything he wanted. A mischievous youngster, Yoni racked his brains for a really difficult challenge. He asked that he and his family be taken to America to meet with President Clinton. Not only did the wish come true but Clinton, who reminisced about Yitzhak Rabin and the peace process, invited Yoni to write a letter to Syrian President Hafez Assad, which he promised to deliver. He also assured Yoni that one day he too would meet with Assad.

took advantage of the opportunity to make a political statement that was not entirely flattering to the current administration.

AND SPEAKING of birthdays, television producer and would-be Jerusalem councilwoman Dalia Steiner took a leaf out of the book of her good friend social columnist and insurance company proprietor Michal Isaacs, and celebrated her 50th birthday with a fund-raiser for Lifeline, which brings joy into the lives of children suffering from cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. Among the guests were Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, who told the assembled Lifeline activists that the best wish he could give them was that they should be unemployed. But until that happens, he had come not only to preach the importance of giving, he said, but to set an example. Lau stressed that he was acting as a *shaliah mitzva* (a good-deed messenger) and donating money from a fund which had come his way.

SEPHARDI Chief Rabbi Eliehu Bakshi Doron was unable to attend, but he sent a donation. Communications Minister Limor Livnat, who had intended to come, was prevented by a drawn-out cabinet meeting but sent greetings from the cabinet room. Former religious affairs minister Shimon Shetreet attended, as did Yaffa Deri, the wife of Shas leader Aryeh Deri, and, of course, Ahuva Suissa, the wife of Religious Affairs Minister Eli Suissa. Ahuva Suissa had no choice. She's the president of Lifeline.

FOREIGN Minister David Levy and his wife, Rachel, who are parents of 12, have become grandparents for the 19th time. Their granddaughter Yuval, born to Shimon and Zahava Levy, has been named in honor of the jubilee year of the state.

IDF spokesman Oded Ben-Ami, who spent several years in New York reporting for Israel Radio, tells the story that for 60 years the Chase Manhattan Bank on Fifth Avenue had the slogan "You've got a friend at the Chase Manhattan Bank." Then along came Bank Leumi, liked the slogan and decided to improve on it by declaring "You've got a *mish-poocha* at Bank Leumi." Chase Manhattan retaliated by changing their slogan to "If you've got *mish-poocha* at Bank Leumi, you need a friend at Chase Manhattan."

HER NAME has been romantically linked with so many men that it's difficult to believe that wedding bells may soon be ringing for Sharon Stone. But according to the gossip mongers, she's about to become Mrs. Phil Bronstein and take up residence in San Francisco. Time will tell.

CASHING IN on all the publicity about her father on the 20th anniversary of his death, Lisa Marie Presley thought this was as good a time as any to promote her own career as a singer. If the name and the genes didn't work, she was not averse to a little help from her friends, including former husband Michael Jackson. There are rumors that Michael and Lisa may be getting back together, but for that to happen he would have to divest himself of his existing wife, who at the moment has another little Jackson bun in the oven. However, things like that have never been impediments on the celebrity circuit.

# On your mark, get set ... think!

By SCOTT MCCORMACK

The world of competitive sport faces a new breed of athlete, the mental gymnast, vying for gold at the first Mind Sports Olympiad, a week of brain games that opened in London this week.

Instead of slugging it out in the boxing ring or tumbling across padded floor mats, competitors perform intellectual acrobatics in events ranging from speed reading to computer programming and crossword puzzles to the more traditional chess and draughts (checkers).

More than 1,500 people have signed up to take part in the Olympiad, which is open to anyone wanting to test his or her cranial capacity — and spend a week playing games.

"All these people are suddenly coming out and saying 'Yes, we

love Scrabble, we think it helps the mind," said organizer Tony Buzan without a hint of sarcasm. "People who do crosswords or jigsaws have somehow been made to think they were wasting their time. But this is really important stuff."

**"The Olympiad also pits men against women, billing itself as the 'first global intellectual battlefield'."**

Although the organizers hope to promote the brain over the body,

chouch potatoes who spend the day solving crosswords and watching television quiz shows will be unlikely to earn any Olympic laurels. "The top mental athletes are also extremely physically fit," Buzan said. "There is a strong connection between the two."

The Olympiad also pits men against women, billing itself as "the first global intellectual battlefield."

The event was the brainchild of two chess grandmasters and Buzan, a British memory-guru and motivational speaker who has published 19 books on the power of the mind.

"For thousands of years there have been physical championships ... it seemed odd that the world had focused for so long on the body and not on the brain," said Buzan.

Competitors in the events at London's Royal Festival Hall include the likes of Creighton

Carvalho, a man who once memorized the infinite mathematical number pi (the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter) to 20,013 decimal places. Just getting that many digits out of his mouth in 1980 took the former

**Carvalho can recite by heart 5,000 telephone numbers from his home town.**

psychiatric nurse nine hours and 10 minutes. The 52-year-old retired recently and now travels around the world practicing his skills and showing off his cerebral prowess on television.

Asked why he devoted so much time to committing digits to memory, Carvalho explained that he simply liked figures. "I started memorizing things when I was seven, at first football cards from bubble-gum packets, and I just kept getting better and better at it." Aside from cramming his head full of sporting statistics and endless recitals of decimals, Carvalho can recite by heart 5,000 telephone numbers from his home town Middlesbrough in northeast England, including all those beginning with the letter A and all the Smiths, perhaps the most common surname in Britain.

He is competing in the memory category, a two-day event that includes memorizing 2,000 random digits in one hour, reciting poetry, matching names with faces, and learning binary computer code, a string of 1s and 0s. But Carvalho remains undeterred by the prospect of stiff competition. "I'm not nervous. I just love it," he said, adding that he won a world record last week when he

memorized 12 random digits in two seconds.

Aside from the memory event, other categories include competitions in mental calculation, creative thinking, and IQ tests. There are also things for die-hard gamers, such as jigsaw puzzles, Rummikub, Mastermind, and Stratego plus gin rummy, Chinese chess and more exotic, lesser-known games like Zatre and Dana.

Glory for the victors will not just be wearing a gold medal but actually growing smarter while they probe the powers of the human mind.

"The brain works as a muscle — the harder you use it, the more it grows," proclaims a brochure for the competition, predicting that brain games would be the great growth area of the next millennium.

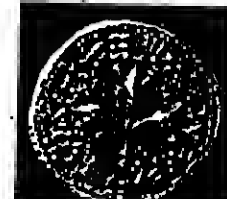
Buzan, a trained psychologist who advises the British Olympic rowing team, explained that taking part in thought-provoking pursuits actually increases brain capacity. "With hard mental training, we can actually rewire our brain. It gets more sophisticated and the cells become more complex. It's pretty revolutionary," he said.

For the average person who occasionally forgets where he or she parked the car or put the keys, Buzan — who says his IQ ranges from 150 to 200 depending on the day — offered hope. He said the first step to intellectual improvement was to turn the brain into a hobby. Asked what that meant, he replied: "Anyone who doesn't understand the brain asks that question. It means opening your mind like a child or an artist, improving your ability to imagine and sense things."

Referring to the car dilemma, Buzan asked: "How could you possibly lose a three-ton object? Because you didn't imagine it, associate it with the environment. You have to find connections, learn to link things together."

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# Rallying at death row's door

## Italians find an unlikely martyr in a convicted American murderer

By RICHARD BOUDREAU

ROME (LA Times) - Next to a medieval convent in Palermo, where Sicilians have buried princes, Mafia bosses, crime victims and other loved ones for six centuries, lies their newest and unluckiest celebrity.

The inscription on his tombstone, covered each day with fresh flowers, reads: "Joseph R. O'Dell III, beloved husband of Lori Urs O'Dell, honorary citizen of Palermo, killed by Virginia, USA, in a merciless and brutal justice system."

A convicted murderer and rapist with no ties to Italy, O'Dell reached from death row to the World Wide Web to rally much of this country in a plea for his life. His execution last month, which kept millions of television viewers here up all night, made him the unofficial martyr of Italy's campaign against capital punishment in the rest of the world.

How a drifter with 14 felony convictions in the US ended up with a VIP funeral in a foreign land - which flew his body over by chartered jet - is a story of international politics and Italian idiosyncrasy, of crusaders and manipulators on both sides of the Atlantic. It is a tale of instant fame in Italy that gave O'Dell belated notice in the US and encouraged American death-penalty foes to look abroad for new ways to lobby against executions at home.

"Sometimes we need a satellite

dish out there reflecting on us an image of who we are," said Sister Helen Prejean, the author of "Dead Man Walking," who took up O'Dell's cause. "The Italians gave us that."

Viewed from Europe, Mexico, Australia or South Africa, the 38 US states that allow the death penalty are growing targets of curiosity and condemnation. Journalists from those places cover death-row cases, struggling to explain why America retains a punishment abandoned by their countries and nearly all Western democracies.

Two summers ago, the scheduled execution of Mumia Abu-Jamal, a black writer and onetime political activist convicted of killing a white Philadelphia policeman, ignited more clemency appeals and street protests in Europe than in the US. Abu-Jamal won a reprieve to appeal the sentence.

Pope John Paul II's near-categorical opposition to the death penalty in a 1995 encyclical has brightened the spotlight. The pope has pleaded since for the lives of 13 Americans on death row, including O'Dell's, speaking out in every case brought to his attention, says spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls.

O'Dell's celebrity in Italy may be a sign of pressures to come. His 11-year battle to get off death row scarcely was known outside Virginia until Italians noticed it last fall. A more sympathetic jury would be hard to find. Revulsed by

Benito Mussolini's liberal use of the death penalty, Italy abolished it shortly after the fascist dictator's own execution at the end of World War II. Politicians across the spectrum have backed that decision ever since, even during Italy's bloody bout with Red Brigade terrorists two decades ago.

Influenced by Roman Catholic teachings about redemption, ordinary Italians usually share the view that capital punishment is useless and cruel - although they are known to waver when pollsters come around after a sensational murder case.

Italians are given to bursts of outrage over death-row cases abroad. After street demonstrations in Rome last year, the Constitutional Court blocked extradition of a fugitive Italian citizen to Florida, where he could have faced capital punishment in the death of a tax agent.

But not since Massachusetts electrocuted the Italian immigrant anarchist Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti in 1927 - for a murder they were later cleared in - have Italians mobilized so forcefully for a condemned foreigner as they did for O'Dell.

Of all the 3,000 or so Americans on death row, why him? For one reason, Italy's political climate was favorable. A center-left government had come to power in mid-1996 and launched a diplomatic crusade against capital punishment worldwide - one that was to win unprecedented support from the

UN Human Rights Commission, over US objections, in April.

"We saw that while the number of death-penalty nations was diminishing, the number of executions was increasing, especially in the US, China and Saudi Arabia," said Luciano Neri, coordinator of an abolitionist group in the Italian Parliament. "We were ready for a campaign. O'Dell gave us a name and a face."

Another reason was O'Dell's savvy and tenacious advocate, a Boston law student named Lori Urs, who married O'Dell on his last day alive, had been working with lawyers trying to overturn his conviction for the 1985 murder of Helen Scharmer, a secretary who was pistol-whipped, raped, sodomized and strangled after leaving a Virginia Beach tavern.

The law student had created a Web page to publicize O'Dell's defense. The recanted testimony of a key witness had thrown his conviction into doubt; his lawyers argued that newer, more sophisticated DNA tests could prove him innocent; a procedural error during the trial should have disqualified the death sentence. Ignored for three years by most American media, Urs placed calls last October to several European newspapers. Alessandra Farkas, the New York correspondent of Milan's influential *Corriere della Sera*, was the first to call back.

Farkas read the Web page and interviewed O'Dell by phone.

Not convinced of his innocence, she wanted to dig deeper, but her editors demanded something quick and categorical, she recalls. Her article stated flatly that a convict was going to be executed "for a crime he didn't commit."

Farkas had published sympathetic interviews with other Americans on death row without causing much stir. She was amazed by the uproar over this one.

Neri read her article and quickly located Urs. The two plotted a lobbying blitz that brought clemency appeals from the pope, Italian President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, the Italian Parliament, the European Parliament and 1,500 civic groups across Italy. Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi raised the O'Dell case when he met with President Clinton in June.

Some city halls set up Internet sites so Italians could send their own appeals to Virginia Gov. George Allen. His aides counted 10,000 letters, calls and computer messages about O'Dell, 95 percent of them from Italy.

Italian journalists competed fiercely for exclusives. Those proclaiming his innocence were rewarded with calls from O'Dell on their cellular phones. His strong, articulate voice was on the airwaves for weeks, unbalanced by any view from prosecutors or the murder victim's family.

# Spanking good time

By SARA SILVER

NEW YORK (AP) - Will that be spanking or non-spanking, sir?

A new little French restaurant in town is serving up mild sadomasochism with the food, offering such fare as a birthday paddling, boot cleaning or the chance to eat from a dog bowl at the feet of a whip-wielding mistress.

"It's like Disney meets S-and-M," said comedienne Joan Rivers, who loves the place, La Nouvelle Justine, in the city's Chelsea neighborhood. "Our busboy didn't bring the bread fast enough, so the maitre d' spanked him," she said.

"The only thing that worries me," said Rivers, "is that some of my friends really got into it."

On weekends, La Nouvelle Justine, named for a Marquis de Sade novel, draws more giggling voyeurs than hard-core aficionados.

One Friday night, diners at New York's only S-and-M restaurant included traveling businessmen and two Wall Street bachelorette parties, as well as the staff of *Mistress Mine*, a magazine for dominatrices and the men who worship them.

Between courses, a 30-year-old secretary ordered spankings from the \$20 "Special Fare" menu for both her brother and her boyfriend.

"It was totally worthwhile - there's nothing like seeing your loved ones get put in their proper place," Tina Block said. "I'd also like to get one for my mother, but I don't think she'd be into it. Then again, she did it to me."

The restaurant, which opened three months ago, is so crowded that dinner is by reservation only. Dinner and wine run about \$50 per person, no beatings included.

Before ordering black linguini, canard confit Juliette or other French specialties, patrons can loosen up with "Masochism" and "Necrophiliac" martinis, or contemplate medieval fetish scenes etched on the walls.

Dim lighting obscures the devices the staff and patrons use to exchange mild abuse: a prison

cell, an oversized high chair, a pair of leather wrist cuffs hanging from the ceiling.

The busboys double as "slaves." They move along quietly in vinyl shorts and dog collars until commanded to shine a patron's boots or deliver the check between their teeth. The waiters and waitresses are called "dominants" - as in: "Ask your dominant for tonight's specials."

"A restaurant is all about service anyhow," said Robert Jason, 29, who owns the restaurant with his wife, Hayne, 41.

"We've just taken the servant and master theme and exploded it," Curtus Alva, a lawyer who got emboldened after a salmon tartare appetizer and foot massage, made the mistake of spanking a passing waitress.

"Do I look like a submissive?" asked willowy Bianca, who is actually a transvestite. Bianca swiftly removed Alva's gold-rimmed glasses and smacked him across the face, three times, hard.

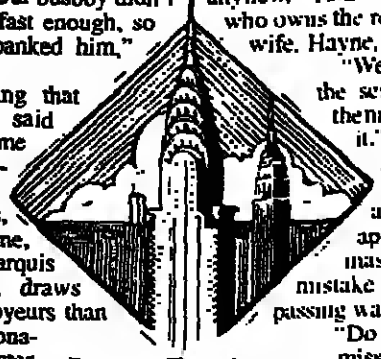
"I feel something, but I'm not sure it's my endorphins," said Alva, who was in town from Wilmington, Delaware, to clinch a merger.

The Jasons - he's a commercial and video producer, she's a former lawyer - also own three Lucky Cheng's restaurants in New York, Miami and New Orleans where transvestites serve up Pan-Asian fare with sass.

"The appeal of hokey, light sex might translate outside of New York if it doesn't get too hand-edged," said Tim Zagat, publisher of the respected Zagat guides to restaurants and hotels. "But I wonder if people will go again and again to a thing that is for most people a turn-off."

Actually, the real S-and-M and fetish enthusiasts of Chelsea find the weekend scene at La Nouvelle Justine a bit tame.

"I expected more gay people and more leather," said a 49-year-old government official who called himself Slave. "This could be a spot for bus tourists."



IN THE BIG APPLE

# White House curbs staff travel

By PETER BAKER

WASHINGTON (The Washington Post) - Even as he targeted congressional waste with his new line-item veto last week, President Clinton has been forced to use more old-fashioned executive powers to throttle back on the jet-setting travel expenses of his own White House staff.

As a result of a new crackdown, fewer aides are allowed to accompany Clinton on Air Force One these days on his many jaunts around the country. Other aides have not been sent to out-of-town conferences, and the advance teams that handle the logistics of presidential visits have to cope with smaller staffs and less time on the ground.

The restrictions were imposed last spring when it became evident that the White House was perilously close to exhausting its \$814,000 annual staff travel budget by the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30 without any cushion for the unexpected.

"We just decided we were going to tighten our belt and make sure we had enough to do everything we wanted to do," said deputy chief of staff John D. Podesta, who instituted the limits.

Podesta said the White House had enough cash to pay for planned trips. The president, however, is often called upon for unanticipated, last-minute excursions, such as visiting disaster scenes and, as Podesta put it, "you can't put it on your credit card."

The White House exceeded its staff travel budget once during Clinton's first term and was forced to return to Congress for permission to handle the shortfall, an experience that no one in the West Wing is eager to repeat.

As it was, some Republicans took the news of the travel budget woes, first reported in *US News & World Report*, as another indication of a White House beset with financial problems.

"This is not inconsistent with the way they spend money on other things at the White House," said Ron Foreman, a spokesman for Rep. Jini Kolbe (Republican, Arizona), who heads a House

oversight panel that has been exploring soaring overtime costs at the White House and promoting new restrictions on White House spending on political activities.

According to White House press secretary Michael McCurry, Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton have been among those concerned about the ballooning outages that follow them around the country.

McCurry attributed the sizable traveling parties to "bracket creep and people taking seriously the inflated titles that they've been given."

The account under scrutiny pays for the travel, food and lodging of the policy advisers, advance aides and spokesmen who travel around the country. But it does not include overseas trips, the operating costs of Air Force One or, the expenses of support personnel such as physicians and Secret Service agents.

Podesta said the squeeze has produced \$30,000 to \$40,000 in "headroom" not including money set aside for trips such as the Clintons' three-week Martha's Vineyard vacation which starts this weekend and his trip to California next month to drop off his daughter at Stanford University.

Among other things, the White House sent fewer officials to the National Governors' Association meeting in Las Vegas and has asked advance teams to depart a day later, stagger arrivals or make do with one person less. Fewer than 10 aides will accompany the Clintons on vacation.

Podesta was aided in his efforts by Clinton's decisions not to go last weekend to Block Island in Rhode Island for some golfing and an environmental event, or to Yellowstone National Park this coming weekend to celebrate its 125th anniversary. But he denied that either was influenced by money. A \$40,000 cushion, he said, would be enough to pay for roughly three one-day trips not currently on the schedule.

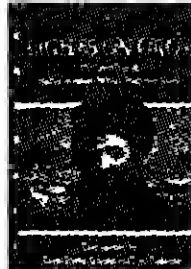
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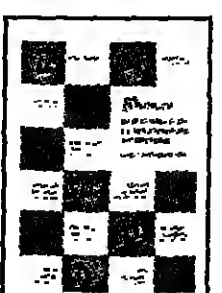
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# Love knows no age

Even when the bloom is supposedly off the rose, love springs eternal. Experts agree that there is no age limit on love and sex, **Bettijane Levine reports**

It was a day like any other when Florence Courts meandered into a furniture store.

Then, bam! It hit her. "Like a lightning bolt. A thunder jolt. It literally threw me off my feet and I had to sit down," she says of meeting heartthrob Art Sherman. He's the tall, athletic, fun-loving guy who sold her four chairs and etched himself indelibly in her heart. They stayed in touch.

Sixteen years later, after Art's wife died, he and Florence began to date.

"It's been a wild, passionate roller-coaster ride ever since," Florence reports. "Together we just click," says Art. "We're possibly the two happiest people on Earth." On June 9, they celebrated their first wedding anniversary. She's 81; he's 79.

Do old people have sex? Do they experience real romantic love?

Do they feel the same yearnings, chummings, giddy desire, agonizing intensity — and the same serene fulfillment when they find the perfect mate — that we usually think of as the exclusive province of the young?

The answer is yes, yes, yes, to all the above.

What's more, these questions are being asked with greater frequency as people live longer, divorce later, and become widows and widowers at advanced ages but are often still in good health. They are alone on life's road once again ... and looking for love.

And that's why more families of old people are noticing — often with some embarrassment — that Grandma or Grandpa is acting oddly adolescent these days: Worrying if the phone will ring. Wondering what to wear on a date. Speeding hours with friends to plan romantic strategies. And sometimes (horror!) staying out

all night.

Cellular phones are the latest rage for oldsters who don't want their children to know they're not sleeping at home, gerontologists say.

"In the morning, when their kids call to see if they are still alive, they answer the cell phone and nobody has to know whose bed

**"People remain sensual and sexual until they die. There is no age at which it ends."**

they are in," says Rutgers University anthropologist Helen Fisher, author of *The Anatomy of Love* (W.W. Norton & Co., 1992).

And as the huge baby boomer generation gets older, we'll be hearing much more about all this, Fisher says. "Until now, our culture defined old people as sexually and romantically dead. We were wrong." Harold Goodman and Marj Lintz were married 44 years — to other people.

Each had enjoyed life's bounty, and neither expected much more. Then, widower Harold went bowling and met widow Marj.

"She was it," he says emphatically. "I was overwhelmed by him," she recalls. By the second date, they knew that this was something "different and special." Very shortly thereafter, they knew that this was love.

"You cannot call it companion-

ship. Or friendship. We would never have moved in together for that," Marj says.

"No, indeed," says Harold, trying hard to explain the depth of their union, and succeeding with three little words: "We are one." If they had met earlier in life, they say, they would have probably married each other instead of the spouses they chose. "We were each happily married," Marj explains, "but not like this. For this ... there are no words."

They have lived and loved for the past nine years in a pristine, light-filled cottage in Los Angeles from which they sally forth to dine, dance, bowl, golf, act in commercials (he was a retired insurance agency owner when "discovered" as an actor at age 72). Now, they're "the Miller Lite couple," advertising beer in a striking TV commercial, by groping each other while rolling around on a sofa, teen-age style.

Harold is 92. Marjorie is 80. What they really advertise best is their ardor's agelessness.

The dynamic of elder love is not very different from that of any other kind of love, experts say.

Only two factors mitigate against it: the absence of suitable partners (there are many more older women than men) and severe illness (with advanced age, physical problems tend to crop up). But if a person remains relatively healthy and is lucky enough to find a mate, then it's business as usual, doctors and social scientists say.

"People remain sensual and sexual until they die. There is no age at which it ends," says Dr. Loren Lipson, head of the geriatric division at University of Southern California School of Medicine.

"When you are 85 and fall for someone, you act goofy and gaga and hold hands and do the same romantic things you might have



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(Werner Braun)

done 65 years before. Younger people tend to think that's yucko," Lipson says. "Old people are supposed to be over the hill in that regard. Of course, they are anything but."

The sexual yearnings of an older person are not met just by sex itself, he says, "but by holding, touching and communicating — the same as it is supposed to be for younger people. Too many young people think 'the act' is all there is to sex," he says.

Dr. Gary Small, a psychiatrist and director of UCLA's Center on Aging, says: "What we now know shatters all the standard myths: that older people don't experience passion, have no interest in sex, or that the norm is to become feeble-minded or get Alzheimer's disease. Gerontologists have studied all this." Only five percent of the population above age 65 gets Alzheimer's.

Above age 80, the percentage rises, he adds. "But as long as

someone is in reasonable health," romance and all that goes with it is an option few would refuse, no matter how old they are, he says. "Older people do feel desire ... and they are able to satisfy it."

Anthropologist Fisher explains that women's sex drive tends to peak in their late 20s or early 30s, and then remains the same in most women after menopause as before.

Men's sex drive is highest in their early 20s "and then goes slowly down until somewhere in middle age, when the sex drive in men and women becomes quite equalized," she says. This creates a perfect path, she says, for satisfying late-life love.

Anthropologist Fisher says there's no surprise about this, once you understand how love operates.

Now writing a book about romantic love in the 21st century, Fisher says the thunderbolt of emotion "can hit you at any age. And the essential elements of it never change." She is studying the

physiology of romantic love and believes that although men and women both experience some lessening of sexual prowess and physical satisfaction as they age, they seem to experience "much greater emotional satisfaction from their sexual activity." They enjoy more foreplay, tenderness, intimacy.

Can they enjoy sex? "In some ways, they will enjoy it more than ever before; in other ways, not as much," says Fisher.

She believes the brain is "deeply wired with circuitry" for basic mating emotions that have been in place over millions of years.

Lust: "A tremendous thirst and craving for sexual gratification that lasts through old age."

Romance: "The exhilaration, euphoria, intrusive thinking, the sleeplessness and loss of appetite. The big craving for emotional union. This is governed by a different circuitry and a different set of chemicals."

Attachment: "That's the sense of calm, peace and serenity that people find with a particular partner, and that can happen at any age."

Nothing changes about this physiology as we get older, Fisher maintains. What has changed is the times. As people live longer and remain healthier, a lot more elderly are in "a perfect position to go out there and have a wild, emotional, teen-age romance." The truth is, it never ends. The yearning, the churning, the biological urges and the passion for romance that used to be thought of as characteristic of youth.

Fisher tells the story of one elderly man who "escaped" from an old-age home on a bicycle and rode 100 miles to a place where the senior set meet every winter in Arizona. "This guy pulled in on his bike, met a neat woman, and for the last two years they've been traveling the country in her RV, having a wonderful love affair." (AP)

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## PARENTING



Massaging your infant or baby can be one of the most rewarding, relaxing activities you can do with your child. (Israel Talby)

# Communicating through massage

By RUTH MASON

The Indians (from India) have been doing it for centuries. During the past few decades, Americans have begun to catch on.

Massaging your infant or baby can be one of the most rewarding, relaxing activities you can share with your child. You don't have to be a professional masseuse to massage your baby. Some hospitals and private instructors offer courses on infant massage, which can be fun and worthwhile. There are also many books on the market that give step-by-step instructions.

I recommend *Loving Hands* by Frederick Leboyer, the noted French obstetrician who wrote *Birth Without Violence*, and *Infant Massage, A Handbook for Loving Parents* by Vimala Schneider McClure, who learned infant massage in India.

When you massage your baby, you create a quiet time and space for just the two of you. It's

also a good way for the baby's father to have some special time with her.

Look into your baby's eyes as you massage her gently. Your caring touch is a gift you can give your child, and you can do so right from birth. In fact, research shows that premature babies who are massaged regularly do much better than those who do not get massaged. And we all know the importance of touch to the developing human being.

And in these stressful times, a daily massage can relax not only your infant but you as well. It is also a way for you to communicate your love concretely to your baby. And you feel good because you know you're doing something nurturing and helpful for your child.

In a course for infant massage instructors that I took while I was living in the US, we were told to tell the baby — no matter how young — that we were going to massage her. Rub your hands with oil (preferably cold-pressed almond oil) so your baby

can see what you are doing and say something like, "I'm going to massage you now, okay?" And wait for a response. If the baby smiles or just keeps looking at you, take it as a sign that you may proceed.

If you want, you might sing as you massage. Be sure to stay in contact with your baby through your eyes and your smile as well as your hands. Try to relax and breathe deeply as you massage.

Full instructions can be found in one of the books mentioned above or any other book on baby massage. Here are instructions for massaging the legs and feet; it's best to start with those.

Address your baby completely or, if you prefer, leave the diaper on. Be sure the room is warm. After you have "asked permission," tell her you will massage her feet and legs. Lift one of the baby's legs while holding the ankle. With your other hand, start at the top of the thigh and gently squeeze the leg, going from top to bottom. Alternate bands as you do this. After you've done so a few times, hold

the leg as if you were holding a baseball bat and move your hands up and down the leg together, turning in opposite directions and squeezing lightly.

To massage the foot, rub the sole gently with your thumb. Squeeze each toe gently. Make small circles around the ankle with your thumb.

Then reverse the squeezing procedure to go from ankle to hip. To finish, roll the leg between your hands from the knee to the ankle.

When you've completed one leg, move on to the other.

Watch your baby's response and be sensitive. If he seems to enjoy it, keep going. If he cries or fusses, pick him up and comfort him and then try again. Most babies under the crawling age absolutely adore massage. Older babies who are used to it may agree to lie still for a massage after they are crawling, but babies also have an intense need to move at this stage and may not have the "patience" for massage.

Good luck!

# Gussie and Clyde

Gussie and Clyde Latham of Spur, Texas, know all about late-life love. They've been married three years. He's 87; she's 84.

But Clyde's 53-year-old son, New York-based writer Aaron Latham, was not prepared for his father's late-life love.

"It was totally unanticipated" and at first seemed "a bit bizarre," Aaron Latham says.

Only a few years before, the son had spent weeks with his father in his dying mother's hospital room, trying to ease his dad's profound despair, wondering how the older man would survive the death of the woman he had loved so deeply for so many years.

Indeed, his father seemed to fall apart after his mother's death, which spurred the son to start calling Texas every night from New York, to see how his dad was doing.

Soon, he couldn't get through.

Clyde was on the phone with Gussie, a woman who'd moved from Spur to Sacramento, Calif., 70 years before. A woman Clyde hadn't laid eyes on in more than 50 years. A woman whose husband had died at about the same time as his own beloved wife.

And a woman for whom, it seems, Clyde had nursed a secret soft spot since he was a teen-ager.

After months of phone calls, Gussie promised to visit Clyde in Texas. Then she canceled. Then she promised and canceled again. And again. And again.

Each cancellation sent Clyde, a retired high school football coach, into deeper depression. It seemed to his son from afar. He started disliking this woman for hurting his dad, even though he didn't know her.

Gussie's family was equally protective. At first, her married daughter wanted to travel with her. That plan was scrapped, and the nervous Gussie decided to brave it alone.

After many aborted attempts, she finally made the trip with only four changes of clothes. This was to be her graceful way out, she later explained. When she'd worn each outfit once, there would be nothing left to wear and she'd have the perfect excuse to go home.

As it turned out, Gussie and Clyde were like powerful magnets that, once connected, could not easily be pried apart. They couldn't take their eyes off each other. Couldn't stop chattering to each other. Didn't endure a dull moment in that two-horse town. Or find a dark cloud in that huge West Texas sky, no matter how bad the weather was.

The day Gussie left, Clyde was desolate again. He got his daughter-in-law, Lesley Stahl (of *60 Minutes* fame), on the phone.

"Would Aaron be upset if I got married again?" he asked. She didn't think so, she said.

So Clyde packed a bag, flew to Sacramento, asked for Gussie's hand and called New York to say they were going to elope.

The younger Latham, aghast at the speediness of it all, asked, "Do you really know this woman? Don't you think you should slow down?"

"I'm in my 80s; I don't have time to slow down," Clyde replied.

Soon the younger Latham flew to Texas to visit the newlyweds. He found them sleeping side by side in their twin reclining chairs, holding hands.

*The Ballad of Gussie & Clyde* (Villard) is Aaron Latham's just-published literary tribute to the tender beauty of his father's newfound love. (AP)

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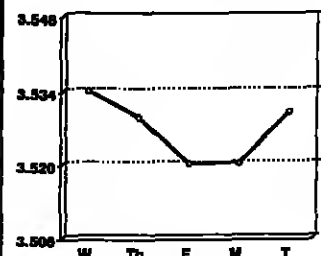
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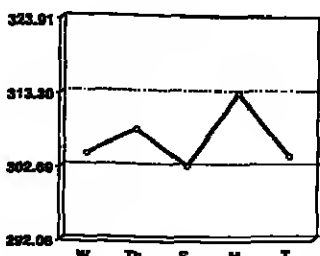
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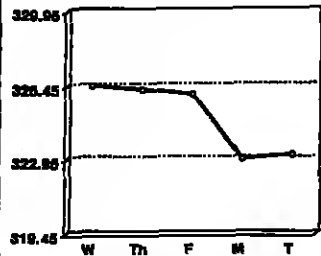


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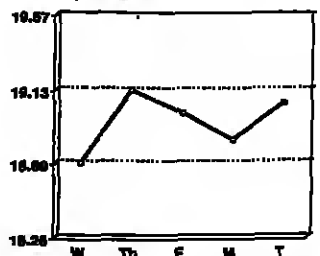
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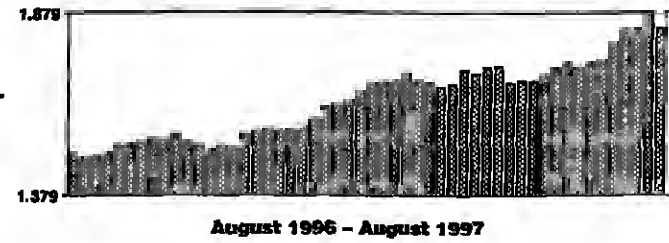


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### Tissom Business School fails

After less than a year in operation, the Tissom School of Business closed last week. Shem Levi, general manager of HI-Q, which owned the facility, said Israel's political situation contributed to the closing.

Claridge, Ted Arison and another investor sold their 41% in May, after suffering NIS 7 million in losses. In June 1996, those three investors and Bank Mizrahi had raised NIS 14.5 million in a private placement.

Claridge (Israel) President Jonathan Kolber explained that the international partners, mobilized by Dovrat Shrem (shareholders in HI-Q) were disappointed by the small number of foreign students that registered. Of the 60 people who signed up, half were foreign students from 15 countries. *Globes News Service*

### Cial to invest NIS 162m. in Ormat

Cial Industries has announced that it will invest NIS 162 million in power-unit producer Ormat. The investment is part of the company's new strategy of entering areas with high growth potential and acting as a holding company that takes advantage of business opportunities.

Though some of the investment is earmarked for Mivtach Shamir and a number of venture capital funds, the bulk will be in Ormat. Cial Industries will invest NIS 88 million in exchange for stocks and debenture warrants, the exercise of which would give it 25% of Ormat's shares. According to Cial Industries, the investment will be made at a company valuation of \$83 million—slightly lower than the \$91m. market value. *Globes News Service*

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# Bezeq board approves reorganization plan

By JUDY SIEGEL

Bezeq's board of directors yesterday approved a comprehensive reorganization plan which includes cutting some 1,800 jobs from its current workforce of roughly 9,000.

The plan will be implemented after arrangements are reached with the union, and the resulting agreement is approved by the board, the Government Companies Authority, and the Treasury.

Under the new structure, there will be fewer field units, and the company will suit itself to its main role as a national sales company.

## Plan's massive job cuts need Treasury approval

Superfluous units will be closed down and expenses will be cut significantly. The personnel cutbacks, which are planned to be completed by mid-1999, will cost the company NIS 1.4 billion. Bezeq's new chairman, Israel Tapooch, said he regarded approval of the plan as vital, and stressed the company's commitment to staffers who will go on early pension during the process. The plan was prepared by a committee that included manpower and organization deputy director-general Yossi Agiv, Tel Aviv and Sharon Region director Gideon Nitzan, engineering and planning deputy director-general Paul Wiesbach, and external organizational advisers. Bezeq director-general Ami Erel called the new structure "a real revolution in the company's operations." The company will now focus on sales and taking advantage of infrastructures in which large sums of money were invested in recent years, he said. The organizational structure of the company has not been changed since Bezeq was set up in 1984. "Bezeq must be a lean and efficient" firm so that it can compete and deal with liberalization in the telecommunications field, Erel added.



### Chef of the future

Talia Eisenstrum makes marzipan in the kitchen of the Tel Aviv Sheraton yesterday, under the watchful eyes of chefs Avia Haim (right) and Daniel Pinto. The hotel let some 100 children of its guests and staff work alongside hotel employees in various departments to celebrate Children's Day. *(Edgar Ascher/Israelit)*

## G. Olam claims oil find

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Oil exploration company Givot Olam yesterday announced that it has discovered a reservoir north of Rosh Ha'Ayin containing one billion barrels of recoverable oil.

"If we can confirm what we expect, then commercial flows will begin six months after we begin drilling in March of next year," said CEO Tovia Luskin.

The company described the next phase of the exploration, known as the Megeed 3 Prospect, as a "high-risk wildcat prospect, with potentially high returns."

Givot Olam has also discovered Sweet Arabian Light oil, a high-quality substance that is easy to refine, Luskin said.

"We found oil from Silurian source rock, which is very rich," he said. "Israel has 400 wells, but most were drilled very late, after the Silurian source rock, or the battery, was already dead."

"I think this is a breakthrough. There's definitely potential here."

By NASSIR SHIRKIAN

LONDON (Bloomberg) — Iran's President Mohammad Khatami, presenting his new cabinet to parliament, pledged to loosen the government's grip on the state-controlled economy.

Khatami said his government will focus on reducing inflation and spurring economic growth.

"One cannot run a dynamic economy when the government has control over all its aspects," Khatami told the Majlis (parliament).

"We must defend the value of the national currency by focusing on economic growth and securing investment in the industrial and agricultural sectors," he said in a speech broadcast on Teheran radio.

Meanwhile, the president's proposed economy minister, Hussein Namazi, has a record of favoring government control of the economy. He served as economy minister in the 1980s in former Prime Minister Hussein Mussavi's government, which heavily subsidized utilities, gasoline prices, medicine

and foodstuffs for Iran's population of 60 million.

"[Khatami's] remarks contradict his decision to propose an economy minister who advocates a large role for the government," said Musa Ghani Nejad, a professor of economics at Teheran University.

Namazi said he cannot be relied on to stimulate economic growth by adopting radical reforms, he said.

As for oil, analysts don't expect any change in Iran's oil policy of producing at capacity, although they expect the new proposed oil minister, Bigan Zanganeh, to pursue a more vigorous campaign to attract foreign investment to the country.

Zanganeh has drawn up a plan to streamline the oil industry, Ghani Nejad said.

"The oil industry is very bureaucratic. Zanganeh is known for his managerial skills. He has said he wants to make the oil industry more efficient."

The president did not say how he intends to carry out his plans for economic reforms. The Iranian

economy has long suffered from runaway inflation and low growth. The government said annual inflation rose 25 percent last year. Independent economists say the figure is much higher.

In his speech to deputies, Khatami said most state-run companies are operating at a loss. The government controls heavy industries, such as oil and gas, car and truck makers. All banks and financial institutions were brought under state control after the 1979 Islamic Revolution, which toppled the Shah and installed the present clerical leadership.

Analysts say Iranian officials are reluctant to foster social unrest by cutting food and energy subsidies worth at least \$10 billion a year. Khatami told the Majlis that his 22-member cabinet had the tacit approval of supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who enjoys sweeping religious and political powers.

Deputies in the 266-seat assembly will debate the qualifications of the ministers today and cast their votes tomorrow.

## Khatami for reducing state control of economy

## Texaco takes 20% stake in Kazakhstan oil field

Reed V. Landberg

WHITE PLAINS, New York (Bloomberg) — Texaco Inc. said it took a 20 percent stake in a giant oil field in Kazakhstan being developed by Italy's ENI SpA and Britain's BG Plc., expanding its reserves of crude oil by as

much as one-fifth. The transaction's terms weren't disclosed.

The three companies are negotiating a production-sharing agreement with Kazakhstan that would set out development plans for the field, called Karachaganak. Texaco said its share of the field will provide its largest single source of oil reserves, adding about 700 million barrels to its holdings.

Yesterday, Texaco agreed to buy Monterey Resources Inc. for \$1.4 billion, picking up 385 million barrels of proven reserves.

"Within a period of 48 hours, Texaco has acquired the potential to put well over a billion barrels of reserves on its books," said Eugene Nowak, an analyst with ABN AMRO Chicago Corp.

The Monterey Resources purchase and the Karachaganak stake together will add more than 25 percent to Texaco's total reserves, Nowak said.

Texaco won't see any significant profits from the project for two or three years when a pipeline is completed and export markets open up for the oil, analysts said.

"It doesn't add anything in way of current earnings or cash flow" and is unlikely to affect Texaco's stock price in the near future, said Michael Young, an analyst with Deutsche Morgan Grenfell.

Shares of the White Plains, New York-based oil company rose 1/2 to 1 1/2 in midmorning trading.

Texaco's participation will help BG and ENI's Agip oil unit as they look for ways to finance what is likely to be a multi-billion-dollar development.

The project is one of a number near the Caspian Sea that will begin pumping large volumes of crude oil to world markets early in the next century.

## 'Haredi project won't affect Har Hotzvim'

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

New housing projects will not obstruct activities at the Har Hotzvim industrial park, Mayor Ehud Olmert said yesterday. He was responding to reports that plans to expand the capital's Sanhedria neighborhood will force several high-tech factories to move.

"We have no intention, nor have we ever had any intention, of approving a housing development that will be too close to the Har Hotzvim industrial park," said Olmert during a tour of several small businesses in Talpiot and the German Colony.

Last week, the Manufacturers Association claimed the municipality and the Ministry of the Interior were discussing plans to add 120 housing units 60 meters from the industrial park. Environmental laws require factories such as those in Har Hotzvim to be at least 150 meters from any residential area.

Olmert said he did not understand why the Manufacturer's Association issued such a statement.

"For the past two years we've coordinated everything with the Manufacturers Association. We set all the parameters with them, and then a new chairman comes along and there's an uproar," said Olmert, referring to Gideon Drimer, Director of the Jerusalem branch of the Manufacturers Association.

The Manufacturers Association said it will not be convinced of Olmert's intentions until he tells the committee in charge of the project that he opposes building within the 150 meter safety zone.

"It's not about what Olmert says to you or to me, it's about whether or not he will deliver the goods," said Yaron Klimi, manager of the Manufacturers Association's Jerusalem office.

"We're afraid that he won't resist the pressure exerted on him by the people who want to build housing."

Developers previously requested a permit to add 220 new housing units to the Haredi neighborhood. They slated 100 units for the northern side and 120 for the western front, which faces Har Hotzvim. Due to the environmental regulations, the municipality told the developers that they could not build the 120 units in western Sanhedria.

"We don't want to spoil anything for the industrialists," said Meir Nitzan, CEO of the Jerusalem Development Authority.

A lack of available land means that both developers and industrialists have to cooperate, Nitzan said.

"What should we do, not build more housing?" he asked. "We have to build neighborhoods in such a way that their will be a balance between housing and industry."

The Har Hotzvim park employs 3,500 and exports goods worth \$720 million annually. Last year, \$101m. was invested in the park.

### ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

| Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (11.9.96) |          |          |           |
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| Currency (deposit for)                           | 3 MONTHS | 6 MONTHS | 12 MONTHS |
| U.S. dollar (\$250,000)                          | 4.750    | 5.000    | 5.375     |
| U.S. dollar (\$100,000)                          | 3.875    | 4.000    | 4.250     |
| German mark (DM 200,000)                         | 1.825    | 1.825    | 2.125     |
| Swiss franc (SF 200,000)                         | 0.825    | 0.750    | 1.000     |
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| Currency basket         | CHECKS AND TRANSFERS |        | BANKNOTES |      | Rep. Rates** |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------|-----------|------|--------------|
|                         | Buy                  | Sell   | Buy       | Sell |              |
| U.S. dollar             | 3.7850               | 3.7983 | 3.43      | 3.61 | 3.7888       |
| German mark             | 3.4988               | 3.5333 | 1.97      | 1.97 | 3.5320       |
| French franc            | 1.9045               | 1.9393 | 1.57      | 1.57 | 1.9247       |
| Japanese yen (100)      | 5.8320               | 5.7225 | 5.53      | 5.81 | 5.6742       |
| Dutch guilder           | 0.5681               | 0.5743 | 0.55      | 0.56 | 0.5711       |
| Swiss franc             | 2.3638               | 2.3078 | 2.90      | 3.05 | 2.9687       |
| Australian dollar       | 1.8817               | 1.7180 | 1.86      | 1.78 | 1.7894       |
| Canadian dollar         | 2.3140               | 2.2614 | 2.27      | 2.39 | 2.3385       |
| Spanish peseta (100)    | 0.4341               | 0.4412 | 0.42      | 0.45 | 0.4381       |
| Italian lira (1000)     | 0.4571               | 0.4645 | 0.44      | 0.48 | 0.4822       |
| Belgian franc (10)      | 0.5001               | 0.5082 | 0.49      | 0.52 | 0.5053       |
| Portuguese escudo (200) | 0.6386               | 0.6488 | 0.62      | 0.66 | 0.6432       |
| Japanese yen (100)      | 2.9203               | 2.8810 | 2.47      | 2.80 | 2.5424       |
| Australian dollar       | 2.5984               | 2.6282 | 2.64      | 2.67 | 2.6110       |
| S. African rand         | 0.7447               | 0.7588 | 0.67      | 0.76 | 0.7522       |
| British pound (10)      | 0.8222               | 0.8371 | 0.80      | 0.88 | 0.8319       |
| Austrian schilling (10) | 2.7088               | 2.7505 | 2.68      | 2.78 | 2.7353       |
| Italian lira (1000)     | 1.9227               | 1.9842 | 1.91      | 2.02 | 1.9724       |
| Jordanian dinar         | 4.8313               | 4.8109 | 4.87      | 5.20 | 4.9801       |
| Egyptian pound          | 1.0000               | 1.0000 | 1.00      | 1.08 | 1.0773       |
| Irish punt              | 3.7489               | 3.8104 | —         | —    | 3.7872       |
| Spanish peseta (100)    | 5.1043               | 5.1967 | 5.01      | 5.28 | 5.1428       |
| —                       | 2.2540               | 2.2904 | 2.21      | 2.38 | 2.2788       |

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Realism is quite different, however. The governor is merely human, and economics is by no means an exact science...

The haredi socioeconomic viewpoint focuses on the interest of the workers and upholds the value of labor over capital ownership...

What goes up, must come down

Not surprisingly, rising markets worldwide are experiencing corrections

By NEIL COHEN

I'm not surprised that the TASE is experiencing a bit of a TOUGH time. After a very strong run, several major foreign markets have switched over to profit-taking...

missions we earned, we couldn't lose. Zeller Eblagon raised large amounts of money on the TASE in the last bull market...

for long. Hence at least some degree of analysis is carried out on the company whose securities are being sold.

low coupons they're willing to settle for. When the underlying share prices take a beating and bond conversion and warrant exercise become distant dreams...

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investors' returns will be a function of whether the companies prove capable of paying back the principal. Many will not.

Some companies will flourish, their share prices will rise, the bonds will convert and the bondholders will do OK...

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TASE ROUNDUP

Stocks up after NY gains

Mishtanim 295.67 ▲ +0.34%
Maof 304.07 ▲ 0.31%

By JOSHUA MITTRICK and ROBERT DANIEL

The TASE closed higher as investors were reassured by Monday's gains in New York and watched for the Bank of Israel's decision next week on September interest rates.

The Maof Index of 25 top shares rose 0.31 percent to 304.07. The Mishtanim Index of 100 most-traded shares increased 0.34% to 295.67.

Gaining shares included Ocif Investments and Development Ltd., First International Bank, software house Formula Systems Ltd., Agan Chemical Manufacturers Ltd. and infrastructure builder Ackerstein Industries Ltd. Losing ground were Dead Sea Bromine Ltd., supermarket operator Blue Square Investments and Properties Ltd., defense contractor Elbit Systems Ltd., and Africa-Israel Investments Ltd. Series I shares.

"There wasn't a drop on Wall Street," said Avi Meir, an investment manager at Israel General Bank. "There is a calming in the market" after concern about further declines in New York abated, he said.

"The fact that the Bank of Israel might raise interest rates is the biggest influence on the market right now," said Ronen Cohen, chief trader at Oscar Gruss & Son in Tel Aviv. Bank of Israel Governor Jacob

Frenkel is expected to raise interest rates at the end of the month to keep inflation down. That can hurt stock prices because higher rates require companies to pay more for expansion, cutting into profits.

Ocif rose 4.25%, as the property developer reported second-quarter net income rose to 2.12 shekels from 0.24 shekel in the year-earlier period. First International Series 5 and Series I shares each rose 2.25%, as the bank reported second-quarter net growth 2.4%.

Parent Fibi Holdings shares added 3.5%.

Dead Sea Bromine slipped 0.5%, to 25.07. The company was raised to "buy" from "hold" at Sahar Securities. Agan rose 1% to 97.34 as it was reiterated "buy" at Salomon Brothers. Formula finished up 3.5%. Ackerstein jumped 4.75%. Blue Square fell 3.9%, Elbit Systems lost 2.4%, and Africa-Israel also slipped 2.4%.

(Bloomberg)

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WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

FTSE snaps losing streak

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain's leading share index snapped a four-day losing streak, rebounding 1.6 percent following a solid recovery on Wall Street, dealers and strategists said. The FTSE 100 closed at 4914.2, up 79.2 points, or 1.64 percent.

FRANKFURT - Germany's IBIS DAX index ended electronic dealings 2.69 percent ahead, after a strong afternoon performance on Wall Street gains and a more stable dollar lifted the market. The DAX-30 index closed at 4169.62, up 91.02 points, or 2.23 percent. In later screen-based trade the IBIS DAX index ended at 4190.45, up 109.90 points, or 2.69 percent.

PARIS - French shares closed 1.77 percent down on Monday, after having lost over 3.3 percent earlier in the day on the back of a bid slide on Wall Street on Friday when Paris was closed. The CAC-40 index closed at 2936.16, up 66.03 points, or 2.30 percent.

TOKYO - Tokyo stocks turned tail after a morning rally and closed lower, with shares of leading blue-chip companies weighed down by persistent worries over Japan's feeble economic recovery, brokers said. The 225-share Nikkei average closed at 18961.00, down 80.10 points, or 0.42 percent.

WALL STREET REPORT

Dow jumps as Fed holds rates

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Stocks ended sharply higher yesterday, as the Federal Reserve's decision to keep interest rates unchanged added more spark to the market's fiery recovery from last Friday's plunge.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 114.74 points, or 1.47 percent, at 7,918.10 after storming 109 points higher on Monday on the back of Friday's 247-point loss.

The Nasdaq composite index jumped 31.19 points, or nearly 2%, at 1,600.71 on the strength of technology stocks.

In the broader market, advancing issues swamped declines 20-S on heavy volume of 547 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

The stock surge masked some stormy volatility. The Dow had earlier scored gains of more than 100 points but whipsawed lower in the minutes following the Fed's announcement, losing 75 points, before heading sharply higher again.

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# White Sox blank Mariners on 4-hitter

CHICAGO (AP) — Rookies Scott Eyre and Keith Foulke combined on a four-hitter and Jorge Fabregas drove in three runs for Chicago as the White Sox shut out the Seattle Mariners 5-0 on Monday.

Eyre (2-2) pitched out of a bases-loaded situation in the first. He allowed three hits in five innings, including the Mariners' only extra-base hit, a double by Keo Griffey Jr in the first.

Foulke, who came over from San Francisco in a nine-player deal on July 31, allowed just one hit over the final four innings for his first major-league save.

Felipe Lira (5-8) took the loss.

**Indians 5, Blue Jays 3**  
David Justice hit a three-run homer, his fifth in a week, and Orel Hershiser pitched Cleveland to its fifth win in six games.

Justice batted .513 as the first-place Indians went 7-5 on a homestand that got off to an ominous 1-3 start last week, sparking talk of the Indians' demise in the AL Central and the future of manager Mike Hargrove. The Indians went 5-1 after a 13-3 loss in the first game of a doubleheader against the Tigers last Wednesday.

Justice, who had 15 RBIs on the homestand, put Cleveland up 3-0 with his 24th homer in the first off Woody Williams (7-11).

He led off the sixth with a double and scored on a double by Kevin Seitzer to make the score 5-3.

**Brewers 8, Rangers 5 (1st)**  
Scott Karl won his sixth straight decision and Gerald Williams drove in three runs as Milwaukee won the opening game of a doubleheader.

Karl (8-10) allowed eight hits and struck out seven in 5 1/2 innings to improve to 6-0 since the All-Star break. Julio Franco homered and went 3-for-4 as Milwaukee won its third straight.

Juan Gonzalez homered twice for the Rangers.

Tanyon Sturtze (1-1) allowed six runs and six hits in 2 1/2 innings.

**Rangers 2, Brewers 0 (2nd)**  
Rick Helling allowed one hit in eight innings of his first start for Texas since returning to the club, leading host Texas to a split.

Lee Stevens' two solo home runs accounted for the only scoring in the second game.

Helling (1-0) was reacquired by the Rangers in a trade with the Florida Marlins on August 12. He was sent to Florida last September.

3 as part of a deal that brought John Burkett to Texas for the Rangers' pennant stretch drive.

The right-hander took a no-hitter into the sixth when Fernando Vina singled cleanly to left with two outs.

John Weiland pitched the ninth for his 27th save.

The Rangers took a 1-0 lead in the fifth on Stevens' 14th homer. Stevens hit his second homer with two outs in the seventh off Joel Adamson (3-2).

**Orioles 2, Angels 1**  
Pinch-hitter Harold Baines drove in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth on Anaheim's second error of the inning, giving Baltimore its first three-game home sweep of the Angels since 1990.

BJ Surhoff had three hits and scored a run for the Orioles, who



**MOVING HIM ALONG** — Chris Hoiles' 9th-inning hit-and-run single put the winning run in scoring position for Baltimore, which beat Anaheim, 2-1 for a three-game sweep.

have won 16 of 21. Surhoff went 8-for-13 in the series, scoring three runs and driving in seven.

With one out in the ninth, Jeffrey Hammonds reached first when Dave Hollins misplayed his grounder to third, his 21st error of the season. Chris Hoiles then lined a hit-and-run single to right, sending Hammonds to third.

Mike Holtz replaced starter Dennis Springer (8-6), and Baines hit a grounder that bounded off the glove of first baseman Darin Erstad as Hammonds raced home.

Alan Mills (2-1) got two outs in the ninth in the Orioles' first three-game sweep, of the Angels in Baltimore since September 1990. The victory gave the Orioles a 5-game lead over the idle New York Yankees in the AL East.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**Phillies 12, Giants 3**  
Newcomer Billy McMillon and Mike Lieberthal became the first Phillies to hit grand slams in the same game in 76 years as host Philadelphia routed San Francisco.

McMillon, obtained from Florida on July 21 for Darren Daulton, was playing his first game for Philadelphia. He was recalled from Triple-A Scranton before the game.

After singling in the second, he came up with the bases loaded and two outs in the third, and lined a grand slam to right off Mark Gardner (12-7) to put Philadelphia ahead 4-0. It was his first major league homer.

Lieberthal hit his first career grand slam in the sixth off reliever Terry Mulholland to make it 10-2. The last time two Phillies hit grand slams in a game was April 1921, when Ralph Miller and Lee Meadows connected against the Boston Braves.

Phillies rookie Matt Beech (2-7), who lost his first seven decisions this season, won his second straight, allowing three hits in

seven innings.

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## MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

| NATIONAL LEAGUE  |  |
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| <b>BATTING</b> —LWalker, Colorado, .380; Gwynn, San Diego, .379; Piazza, Los Angeles, .348; Lofton, Atlanta, .343; Joyner, San Diego, .332; Alonzo, New York, .322; Lankford, St. Louis, .319.   |  |
| <b>RUNS</b> —Biggio, Houston, 110; LWalker, Colorado, 110; Bonds, San Francisco, 91; Galarraga, Colorado, 87; Bagwell, Houston, 86; EYoung, Colorado, 78; Kent, San Francisco, 75.   |  |
| <b>RBI</b> —Galarraga, Colorado, 113; Bagwell, Houston, 105; LWalker, Colorado, 101; Gwynn, San Diego, 99; Kent, San Francisco, 96; ChJones, Atlanta, 95; Alou, Florida, 94.   |  |
| <b>HITS</b> —Gwynn, San Diego, 173; LWalker, Colorado, 169; Biggio, Houston, 151; Piazza, Los Angeles, 148; Galarraga, Colorado, 146; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 145; ChJones, Atlanta, 144; Womack, Pittsburgh, 144.   |  |
| <b>HOME-RUNS</b> —LWalker, Colorado, 36; Bagwell, Houston, 33; Castilla, Colorado, 31; Galarraga, Colorado, 31; Bonds, San Francisco, 30; Piazza, Los Angeles, 27; Hundley, New York, 26; Sosa, Chicago, 26.   |  |
| <b>STOLEN BASES</b> —DSanders, Cincinnati, 56; Womack, Pittsburgh, 44; DeShields, St. Louis, 43; EYoung, Colorado, 32; OVeras, San Diego, 29; Henderson, San Diego, 29; Biggio, Houston, 27.   |  |
| <b>PITCHING (14 Decisions)</b> —Naagle, Atlanta, 16-3, .842, 2.84; Kile, Houston, 16-3, .842, 2.32; GMaddux, Atlanta, 16-3, .842, 2.38; Estes, San Francisco, 15-4, .789, 2.98; JHamilton, San Diego, 10-4, .714, 4.06; PJMartinez, Montreal, 14-6, .700, 1.70; Jolon, Montreal, 11-5, .687, 4.22. |  |
| <b>STRIKEOUTS</b> —Schilling, Philadelphia, 242; PJMartinez, Montreal, 219; Nomo, Los Angeles, 217; Schilling, Philadelphia, 187; Smoltz, Atlanta, 172; KJBrown, Florida, 171; Kile, Houston, 162; AlGenes, St. Louis, 160.  |  |
| <b>SAVES</b> —Beck, San Francisco, 34; Nen, Florida, 30; JoFranco, New York, 30; Hoffman, San Diego, 29; Wohlers, Atlanta, 28; ToWorrell, Los Angeles, 28; Eckersley, St. Louis, 28.   |  |

| AMERICAN LEAGUE   |  |
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| <b>BATTING</b> —FThomas, Chicago, .340; Justice, Cleveland, .334; O'Neill, New York, .322; Ramirez, Cleveland, .320; MVAughn, Boston, .329; WClark, Texas, .327; BeWilliams, New York, .326; EMartinez, Seattle, .326.  |  |
| <b>RUNS</b> —Cardaparra, Boston, 98; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 94; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 92; Jeter, New York, 88; EMartinez, Seattle, 88; BLHunter, Detroit, 86; Cora, Seattle, 85.  |  |
| <b>RBI</b> —TMartinez, New York, 116; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 114; JuGonzalez, Texas, 100; Salmon, Anaheim, 98; FThomas, Chicago, 98; O'Neill, New York, 96; ToClark, Detroit, 90.   |  |
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| <b>STOLEN BASES</b> —BLHunter, Detroit, 61; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 48; Nixon, Toronto, 47; TGoodwin, Texas, 40; Vizquel, Cleveland, 34; Durham, Chicago, 28; ARodriguez, Seattle, 28.  |  |
| <b>PITCHING (14 Decisions)</b> —Clemens, Toronto, 19-4, .826, 1.78; RajJohnson, Seattle, 18-4, .800, 2.40; Moyer, Seattle, 12-4, .750, 4.28; Erickson, Baltimore, 14-5, .737, 3.39; DWalls, New York, 14-5, .737, 3.60; Mussina, Baltimore, 13-5, .722, 3.16; Blair, Detroit, 12-6, .706, 4.12. |  |
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Monday's AL results: Cleveland 5, Toronto 3; Milwaukee 8, Texas 5 (1st); game Texas 2, Milwaukee 0 (2nd); Baltimore 2, Anaheim 1; Chicago 5, Seattle 0. Only games scheduled.

# Sampras, Chang to lead US in Davis Cup semis

WHITE PLAINS, NY (Reuters) — The US will field the top two players in the world in the Davis Cup semifinals against Australia next month after Pete Sampras and Michael Chang were named to the team Monday.

US Davis Cup captain Tom Gullikson also selected Jim Courier and Alex O'Brien for the September 19-21 tie to be played on hardcourt in Washington, DC.

Gullikson was obviously delighted that world No. 1 Sampras and second-ranked Chang agreed to play after both had been reluctant to compete in recent Davis Cup competitions.

"I think we've got possibly one of the strongest teams that certainly America has ever fielded for the Davis Cup tie," Gullikson said Monday.

"Pete Sampras is obviously a very strong number one and Chang is a very strong number two. Both play their best tennis on hardcourts."

Sampras will be making his first Davis Cup appearance since leading the US past Russia in the 1995 final. He was also a member of the 1992 Davis Cup-winning squad that defeated Switzerland for the title.

The reigning Australian Open and Wimbledon champion has compiled a 14-5 lifetime record in Davis Cup play.

Chang, a member of the 1990 Davis Cup team that defeated Australia in the final, is 6-2 in Davis Cup singles.

Courier, who won the Cup-clinching match in 1992, was instrumental in the first-round victory over Brazil in February and also ousted a victory in the 4-1 win over the Netherlands in the quarter-finals in April.

"Jim has played great tennis for Davis Cup this year and he brings character to the team," Gullikson said. "He's a terrific team player."

O'Brien is the top-ranked American doubles player, winning two doubles titles and reaching five finals this year. But any duo which Gullikson sends out will be a heavy underdog with Australia bringing the world's best doubles team of Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge.

The formidable Australian squad also includes big-serving Mark Philippoussis and Patrick Rafter, each of whom posted two wins in the 5-0 quarter-final sweep of the Czech Republic.

Rafter was runner-up Sunday in a hardcourt tournament in New Haven.

The US and Australia are the two most successful nations in Davis Cup history. The US has won 31 Davis Cup titles, the last one in 1995. Australia has won the Cup 26 times, but has not taken it home since 1986.

The semifinal will mark the 44th meeting between the US and Australia in Davis Cup play, and the first since 1993 when Australia posted a 4-1 victory over the defending champions in the opening round.

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox are within one game of .500, and if they have hopes of ending the season with a winning record, they will have to win away from Fenway Park.

Only 13 of their final 37 games are in the team's home ballpark.

Actually, the Red Sox have a better record on the road (29-28) than at home (33-35). The team is hitting .304 at home, .293 away, and has hit 74 homers home and away.

Meanwhile, Red Sox pitchers have fared better at Fenway than on the road. The road ERA is 5.48, while the home mark is 4.31.

The Red Sox have a team batting average of .299, and their .313 average in August is higher than in any of the previous four months.

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Saberhagen moves into the rotation, and Gordon will gradually move toward the closer's role. Both Gordon and manager Jimmy Williams are in favor of the move.

"I think a lot of good things will come out of it, and the timing is right," Gordon said. "The first couple of years, they were talking about it, but it was never going to happen with a guy like Jeff Montgomery there."

"I always wanted to do it, and am looking forward to getting the chance."

The Red Sox are a game ahead of last year's pace. They were 13 games under .500 at the All-Star break in 1996, but went on a late-season run to finish with an 85-77 record.

"It's better this way than to heat up early and finish up cold," said catcher Scott Hatteberg. "This is a team that's never given up, and we want to get to .500 so that we can have something to build on for next year."

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By DEREK FATTAL

# It's do or die in Sofia tonight

The destination may be France, but in this instance Israel's route to the Champs des Elysee must pass through the Bulgarian capital Sofia. The task for the national soccer squad is clear. The Israelis have to win three points from Bulgaria tonight in their final World Cup qualifying Group 5 match in Sofia's Levski Stadium if they are to keep their dream of participating in next year's finals in France.

Ever since the Israelis crashed to a 2-0 defeat in Moscow against Russia in June, coach Shlomo Scharf has attempted to instill in

his men the belief that they can beat the Bulgarians on their home soil, and so continue their quest for their first World Cup finals appearance since Mexico in 1970. The Israelis currently lie just one point above Bulgaria who have two further matches to play in the Group - at home and away to Russia, the team currently heading the table with 15 points, two more than Israel.

Tonight's winner will go to the

top of the Group, and a victory for the Israelis would assure them of an eventual second position and with it the chance to gain passage to the finals in a two-match play-off against a runnerup from another group.

While there is no doubt that the Bulgarians are the better side coming into this match, the Israelis have an important psychological asset in having beaten their hosts 2-1 in the first meeting at Ramat

Gan last September. In addition the Israelis also tamed the Bulgarians in Sofia when the teams drew 2-2 in 1993 in qualifying for the 1994 finals. According to Bulgaria captain Hristo Stoichkov who did not play in last year's game, tonight's match should be nothing more than a formality for the hosts. Stoichkov threw down the gauntlet in a press conference on Monday when he remarked that Israel are no better

than Luxembourg or Cyprus, and promised that the Bulgarians would emerge victorious at the end of the match.

The formidable Barcelona player has helped revitalize the fortunes of the Bulgarian team since returning to play for his country after a year-long dispute with the Bulgarian Football Association, leading them to a 4-0 victory over Luxembourg in their last qualifying game. Joining Stoichkov in a five-man

attacking midfield will be his old partners Krassimir Balakov and Yordan Letchkov, who are both capable of causing all sorts of misery to Israel's defense.

Up front, the Israelis will need to keep a watchful eye on Emil Kostadinov and his fellow strikers. Although the two coaches will only divulge their squads later this morning after the final training sessions, it appears clear that the Bulgarians will be field-

ing an attacking 3-5-2 lineup. Scharf's stated aim is for his players to soak up the early pressure and avoid conceding a goal at all costs. Ran Ben-Shimon is likely to open as a sweeper in preference to Alon Harazi behind a back line of Felix Halifon, David Amsalem, Amir Shelach and Arik Bennado.

The hope is that Bulgarians will become more desperate as time proceeds and so be exposed to swift breakthroughs crafted by Haim Revivo and Tal Banin.

The match kicks off at 20:00 Israel time and will be broadcast live on Israel Television, Radio Two and Army Radio.

## Kite cites US Ryder Cup team's inexperience

MAMARONECK, NY — It began raining Monday morning and, somewhere in a sea of umbrellas, Tom Kite wore a worried look.

Later, he stood at a news conference at Winged Foot, where he announced Fred Couples and Lee Janzen as his captain's choices for the US Ryder Cup team, then received congratulations from several of the PGA of America officials who were in the room.

More than one of them wished him good luck.

"I'll need it," Kite said.

Maybe so. The 12-player squad that Kite will take to Valderrama, Spain, next month to play Europe isn't only young. It's also inexperienced.

The only thing that kept Kite's glasses from fogging up is that the US contingent also is talented.

What isn't known is how this team, however many flagsticks it is capable of knocking down, will perform on the pressurized, worldwide stage that is Ryder Cup play.

"I love this team," said Kite, who indicated that his squad would be the underdog.

"The European players know Valderrama (site of the annual Volvo Masters) like the backs of their hands. So we are behind the eight-ball there. But this is an impressive list of names."

Couples and Janzen complete a US team composed of Masters champion Tiger Woods, British Open champion Justin Leonard, PGA champion Davis Love III, Tom Lehman, Jim Furyk, Phil Mickelson, Jeff Maggert, Mark O'Meara, Scott Hoch and Brad Faxon.

By selecting veterans Couples and Janzen, Kite tried to balance the relative inexperience of the players who made the team on points earned this year on the tour. Couples has played on the last four Ryder Cup teams and was a captain's pick of Lanny Wadkins in 1995.

Janzen played on the 1993 team. Four players - Woods, Leonard, Furyk and Hoch - have not played Ryder Cup. Lehman, Mickelson, Maggert, Faxon and Janzen have

played once each.

Only Couples, O'Meara and Love have been on more than one Ryder Cup team.

Kite believes few players are on a level with Couples.

"When Freddie is good, in my opinion, he's as good as we've got," Kite said. I guess the thing in my mind is when Freddie wants to play, he's the best.

Kite said Couples' talent outweighed such considerations as his back problems, his seriously ill father and the health problems of his companion, Thais Bren.

"The Ryder Cup for me, I've had some ups and downs, but it's always a dramatic week," Couples said. "So it's made a relatively long year coming in and I hope to be ready to play my best."

"I have been playing some fair golf, but not great. I think I can turn that around very quickly."

Janzen, who was the 36-hole leader at the PGA here, played with Kite on the last day and shot a 69, finishing in fourth place by one shot over Kite, who had a 70.

Janzen might have played himself onto the team Sunday, Kite said.

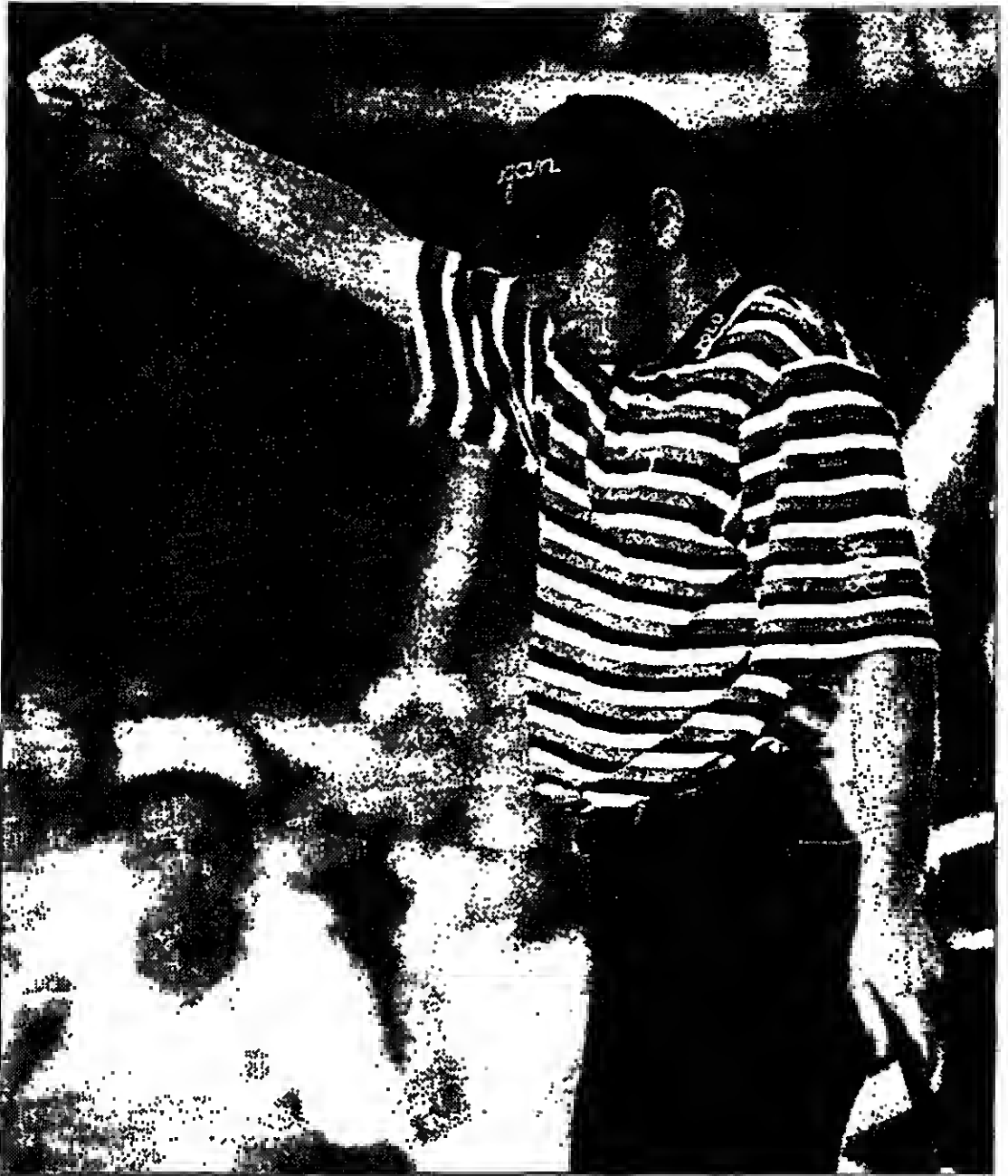
"He helped his cause," Kite said. "I don't know how difficult it was for him, playing with me, knowing that I'm watching every shot, but he handled that situation well. If he can handle the Europeans the same way that he did that situation yesterday, we'll do OK."

Kite said that besides Maggert, who clinched a berth on the team Sunday when he shot 65 and finished third, Janzen was the only other potential captain's pick who proved himself at the PGA.

"I was waiting for somebody to show me something," he said. "I just needed somebody to not tell me in words they wanted to make the team, but tell in with shots they wanted to make the team. And Lee did that."

Wadkins passed over Janzen in 1995 and selected Curtis Strange, a selection that was widely criticized even before the US team lost to Europe at Oak Hill in Rochester.

Kite said he was not trying to



**YOUNG BLOOD** - Justin Leonard is one of four rookies, together with Tiger Woods, Scott Hoch and Jim Furyk, who will take on the Europeans in Ryder Cup play next month.

make up for Janzen's exclusion by adding him to the team this time. Janzen said he did not feel vindicated, at least not now.

"It might be too early to say if

it's a vindication," he said.

"In '95, I had more of a case to be on the team than I did this team. I don't know, but for some reason, I expected a better chance to

be picked this time, strange as it may sound."

Couples finished 17th in the final Ryder Cup points standings, Janzen 15th.

## For the record ...

By AMMANJAH DE VRIES

Since 1965 the Israeli and Bulgarian national soccer sides have met six times, with Israel winning once.

In World Cup Qualifying action in 1965 the Bulgarians routed the Israelis 4-0 in Sofia and won 2-1 in Ramat Gan. Mexico's quarter-final Olympic match in October of '68 resulted in a 1-1 draw. The 1992-93 World Cup Qualifying rounds saw Bulgaria once again in Ramat Gan, 2-0. At home in May of '93, however, the

Bulgarians only managed a 2-2 draw. Stoichkov and Sirkov scored for the Bulgarians and Ronen Harazi and Roni Rosenthal made good for the Israelis.

Israel's only win came in September 1996, a 2-1 win in Ramat Gan. After a mistake by Israeli goalkeeper Rafi Cohen, Bulgarian midfielder Balakov put in the first goal.

Israel, however, returned the favor with a goal by Ronen Harazi and a late free kick game winner off the foot of Tal Banin.

## Under-21 side lose to Bulgaria

Israel's Under-21 soccer team lost to Bulgaria 3-1 in Sofia last night.

Israel opened well with an 11-minute goal from captain Nir Sivilla. However, the Bulgarians caught fire, equalizing in the 13th minute on a kick by Assen Nikolov. The 1-1 scoreline remained through halftime.

The Bulgarians got back on the scoresheet in the 67th minute with a free kick from Alexander Alexandrov and finished off their scoring in the 85th minute with a

goal by Hristo Yovov.

The Under-21 side had hoped to make soccer history by qualifying for the first time in the European Championships. Now their promotion to the next round is dependant upon the Russia-Bulgaria match.

Ammanjah De Vries

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## Olympic champion faces disciplinary action

SEVILLE (Reuters) - Ireland's triple Olympic champion Michelle de Bruin was in trouble with officials after her European women's 400 meters individual medley victory yesterday.

De Bruin, whose Atlanta titles were won under her maiden name of Michelle Smith, risked the ultimate punishment of disqualification from the championships for missing the mandatory post-race press conference, European Swimming League president Bartolo Consolo said.

After a few brief comments to Irish television, the swimmer went straight to doping control and then left the arena.

"We will investigate the situation," Consolo said. "We have rules that say that she should attend a press conference and if she doesn't then she might be disqualified from the rest of the competition."

The mandatory press conference appearance began in 1995 following the walkout of several prominent swimmers.

Officials are due to meet today to make a decision.

De Bruin has often been reluctant to speak to the media since her Olympic triumphs.

Speculation has been rife about how she managed to improve so dramatically in Atlanta after years of only modest achievement.

Her husband, the Dutch discus thrower Erik de Bruin, earlier this month completed a four-year ban from athletics following a doping offense.

## Alexsev reaches swimming final

By HEATHER CHAIT

Vadim Alexsev reached his second successive final in the European Swimming Championships in Seville, Spain yesterday, finishing eighth in the 100 meters breaststroke.

Two years ago in Vienna he finished seventh.

Alexsev's time was 1:03.78, outside his best time and national record of 1:02.52 but a pleasing result for the swimmer who has been beset by health problems for

two years.

Uri Sufi, the other Israeli in the same event, reached the Group B final where his time of 1:04.03 landed him in 16th place.

The other Israelis at the competition are Yoav Bruck, Eytan Orbach, Eran Garumi, Mickey Halika, Yoav Meiri, Yoav Gut and Oren Azrad.

Halika will swim today in the 400m individual medley while Garumi and Meiri will contest the 100m butterfly.

## Swans beat Hawthorn, stay in touch for top-four finish

MELBOURNE (AP) - Sydney overcame a potentially debilitating injury toll and a poor first quarter to beat Hawthorn by 58 points in an Australian Rules football match Sunday.

The Swans ended the Australian Football League match with just 15 fit players, but that was enough for a 20.15 (135) to 11.11 (77) victory that kept them on track for a top four finish.

Geelong maintains first place in the league by percentages over St. Kilda, both with 52 points, Adelaide, Sydney, West Coast and the Western Bulldogs are all on 48 points in the battle for the top four.

In other matches Sunday, Richmond beat North Melbourne by a point, 14.13 (97) to 14.12 (96), while the Bulldogs defeated Adelaide 16.7 (103) to 7.18 (60).

On Saturday, Brisbane rookie Daniel Bradshaw scored a soccer-style goal with 13 seconds remaining to give the Lions a 13.15 (93) draw with Port Adelaide.

Geelong ended Carlton's finals ambitions, beating the Blues by 28 points - 13.17 (95) to 9.13 (67). Geelong burst to a 26-point lead at quarter time and was never headed.

Collingwood scored a 10-point win over Essendon after leading by 40 points at three-quarter time. A late rush from the Bombers fell just short as they went down 13.13 (91) to 12.9 (81).

St. Kilda retained second position with a 13-point victory over Fremantle. The Saints made a slow start and nodded off in the third quarter when they could manage only one goal but won 12.5 (77) to 9.10 (64).

On Friday, the West Coast Eagles beat Melbourne 15.7 (97) to 7.17 (59), the Eagles' fourth win in a row.

Collated weekend results of 20th-round Australian Football League Australian Rules matches: Western Bulldogs 16.7 (103) def. Adelaide 7.18 (60) Richmond 14.13 (97) def. North Melbourne 14.12 (96) Sydney 20.15 (135) def. Hawthorn 11.11 (77) Brisbane 13.15 (93) drew with Port Adelaide 13.15 (93) Geelong 13.17 (95) def. Carlton 9.13 (67) Essendon 12.9 (81) St. Kilda 12.5 (77) def. Fremantle 9.10 (64) West Coast 15.7 (97) def. Melbourne 7.17 (59) 170806 aug 97

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# A sense of closure

Closure may be most familiar as an emblem of the potent US movement to grant greater rights to crime's victims and survivors. Victims can offer written statements at sentencing in all 50 states and can speak at the hearing in at least 46.

California last month became the latest to give victims' relatives the right to attend the killer's execution. The sponsor, state Assemblyman Tom McClintock, said the law gives victims' families the same rights accorded relatives of the condemned — and a means to closure.

To be sure, there are other powerful forces at work besides closure concerns in these changes, including national worry over crime and efforts to toughen laws. But courthouse concern for closure comes as the legal system increasingly considers crime's toll on victims and their own need for a day in court.

Tied in equal parts with ideas of healing and redemption, the search for closure in the courts melds the modern tenets of pop psychology with ancient notions of justice done — Oprah meets Aeschylus.

Herbert Morris, professor emeritus of philosophy and law at the University of California, Los Angeles, says closure mirrors

ancient Greek ideas about resolving "polluting" events that leave the community feeling out of balance. This is seen in the famous mythical trial of Orestes, who killed his mother to avenge her murder of his father. To the dismay of the Furies pursuing him, Orestes is ultimately absolved — an outcome widely seen as symbolizing the victory of collective justice over the vengeful impulses of his mythical pursuers.

"There's a message of closure there. We have a legal system designed to replace the individual urge for vengeance — and at the same time encompass it so it does not remain unsatisfied," said Joseph Grodin, a former California Supreme Court justice who teaches at the University of California's Hastings School of Law in San Francisco.

"We have trials and verdicts and prescribed punishments. We do recognize victims and families are part of it."

"The legal world's most wrenching discussion about closure has centered on the death penalty. Nine states since 1990 have enacted laws allowing survivors to see executions.

"It gives them a sense of closure. That's something that shouldn't be taken lightly," McClintock said. (LA Times)

# A society searching for 'closure'

By KEN ELLINGWOOD

"A whole is that which has beginning, middle and end." — Aristotle

Los Angeles (LA Times) — In Santa Cruz, California, a victorious prosecutor says she is grateful to have closure after a long-running murder case. In Miami Beach, talk of closure hits as police confirm that suspected serial murderer Andrew Cannan apparently has killed himself. And in New York, the survivors of TWA Flight 800 are reminded just how elusive it can be.

"The pursuit of closure," Cardinal John J. O'Connor told friends and relatives of those who died on the flight, "is an elusive pursuit."

Closure. That word again. Routed in psychotherapy and suggesting "completion," it has become a buzzword as ubiquitous as bad news and as handy as a self-help hook. Everywhere, it seems, from US courtrooms, to talk shows and in chambers where laws are made, someone is invoking closure like a mantra in a way that experts say captures a unique moment in American history.

"The quest for closure is evident in some of the nation's institutions — from a new California law giving survivors the right to attend executions to memorials created to mark public tragedies.

"It's in the Zeitgeist of the culture. I'm seeing it all over the

## Psycho-lingo's buzzwords are everyone's, including Joe Six Pack

place," said Ellen McGrath, a New York-based psychotherapist and commentator on psychology trends. "For lack of a better word, I'll call it a movement."

Never before has closure been so much on the public's lips — catching hold as Americans increasingly look to the realm of mental health for help in coping with profound tragedies or everyday family life. The emphasis on closure shows the pervasiveness of therapy-speak during an era in which a claim to feel our pain is a presidential trademark and even Joe Six Pack is conversant in lingo like "codependent" and "denial."

Some observers say the closure crusade reveals a society eager for neat endings amid a string of high-profile tragedies, twists in the economy and technology, and even shifting rules over morality. It is an impulse, they say, for control in a changing world.

"There is a feeling of a need for limits. When there is a need for a moral world — that wrongs will be righted," said Herbert Morris, professor emeritus of philosophy and law at the University of California, Los Angeles. "If you don't have closure, you're living in an uneasy state."

Americans' conversation over the Oklahoma City bombing trial revolved heavily around whether the death penalty would bring closure to the families of the victims. Reactions to the civil judgment against O.J. Simpson were peppered with closure references. And the sponsor of a move to require the US government to apologize formally for enslaving the ancestors of blacks promotes it as a means to closure on that chapter of US history.

So prevalent has such conversation become that it has sparked a backlash among some cartoonists and writers as touchy-feely gibberish.

A recent *New Yorker* cartoon labeled "Closure" depicts Little Red Riding Hood in a moment of hand-holding reconciliation with the wolf, who ate the girl's grandmother.

"We're talking about the national habit of turning every trauma into group therapy," scoffed Atlanta columnist Michael Skube in a piece attacking what he called "adult slang."

Some mental health experts cringe at the loose usage and worry that society's expectations about closure might backfire on victims who can't reach tidy con-

clusions. A concept as amorphous as closure runs the risk of being slapped tritely on any number of emotional events — be it an anniversary, funeral or a charged courtroom confrontation.

Glib calls for closure often carry "a judgmental tinge" that a person's grieving should be over, said David Foy, a psychology professor at Pepperdine University in California and trauma expert.

But there may be more to closure than an overworked cliché. Some view it as a sign of how the country shares the hurt produced by its tragedies — from bombings to plane crashes to murder trials — and longs to mark an end to the communal angst.

"There have been public trauma events that have impacted the nation — whether it's O.J. [who was] a public hero, or the Oklahoma City bombing," said Linda Dunlap, who heads the psychology department at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. "The society itself wants to put closure in place."

Dunlap sees benefits in the closure trend. It has focused society's concern on the needs of victims and survivors as well as on the process through which people recover from loss, she said.

But what is closure?

"You're going to get a lot of definitions," said Michael de Arellano, a researcher at the National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center in South Carolina. "It's not real clear."

Meanings differ even among specialists. Closure can encompass widely varying concepts. It refers to the last step of therapy and is a common theme in literature and film, describing the way a work ends.

Most often, it means acceptance or resolution — to go on living by putting a tragedy in its place.

Louis Jolyon West, a UCLA psychiatry professor who interviewed survivors of the Oklahoma City bombing, calls closure "a final understanding" or "an emotional satisfaction that one has pursued a puzzling conflict to the end."

But experts say the route is a highly personal one that defies mapping by others. Acceptance can take longer than erecting a memorial or completing a criminal trial. This can spell extra burdens for victims; although society and the media may be ready to declare a chapter closed, it seldom works that way.

West said the effects of emotional wounds linger like physical ones: "After you've been wounded, you can heal up, but it's still a scar. It still aches when it rains."

One grief specialist stopped taking reporters' calls about public tragedies because he got sick of advising people to forget about finding closure. The researcher, George A. Bonanno, said victims are better off putting a tragedy out of their minds than constantly mulling it to reach understanding.

"People don't get closure. It's kind of a mythical thing," said Bonanno, assistant professor at Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

In no way is the closure trend limited to disasters. It can be seen in more modest forms in everyday life: a woman's search for the recipient of her brother's donated heart, the reunion of war protesters.

Closure is a staple of news coverage of tragedies and often the push behind how people cope with unhappy events. The first anniversary of the 1994 Los Angeles earthquake included a public celebration for "healing and closure." Survivors of the Oklahoma City bombing cited closure — a need to understand the unfathomable — in pushing for a memorial.

Other times, closure is meant for a more private ache. In the name of closure, a Los Angeles funeral home held a public memorial for all who lost loved ones last year.

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**How much should tobacco fighters get?**

By MYRON LEVIN

Washington (LA Times) — One of the more incendiary elements of the giant tobacco trust was purposely left out of the agreement. The accord says nothing about the fees to be paid to anti-tobacco lawyers, which are sure to smash all records.

Eager to get Congress and the public behind the deal, negotiators figured the less said about fees the better. To deflect concern, they promised that the lawyers' cut would not come from the \$368.5 billion settlement fund. Instead, their fees would be set by a panel of independent arbitrators and paid separately by the industry.

But that hasn't made the issue go away.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-GA), has warned about "windfall profits" for the anti-tobacco lawyers. As he and fellow Republicans are well aware, trial lawyers give generously to Democrats — and with the tobacco deal could have plenty more wealth with which to be generous.

Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-CA), a leading tobacco foe and critic of the deal, also said the issue is likely to get scrutiny when Congress debates the settlement sometime after Labor Day.

Other observers, including Stanford University law professor Robert Rabin, said the fees "can't be regarded as... entirely separate" from the settlement because in agreeing to the \$368.5b., cigarette makers took into account how much extra the lawyers might get.

Usually lawmakers would have no interest in attorneys fees, but then, they normally would have nothing to do with settling civil litigation.

"The private lawyers and the state attorneys-general stepped into a vacuum," said Matt Myers, executive director of the National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids, who helped negotiate the deal. "Thirty years after the first surgeon general's report — Congress had done virtually nothing to set in place... policies to reduce tobacco use."

The irony is that lawmakers are likely to strengthen the deal if they ratify it at all. Changes would be aimed at a host of perceived defects — including provisions limiting the authority of the Food and Drug Administration and penalizing the industry if teen smoking isn't reduced by targeted amounts.

However, "in a sense, you can say it's the tort system which has forced Congress to take actions which it would never take on its own," said Michael Perlschuk, former head of the Federal Trade Commission and a veteran tobacco foe.

In the 1970s, lawsuits over injuries and deaths from exploding fuel tanks on the Ford Pinto eventually triggered a federal

investigation and a recall of the cars.

And in the biggest example before tobacco, an avalanche of lawsuits over lung damage to workers from asbestos but had eliminated use of the hazardous mineral.

The asbestos litigation was not a shining moment for the civil justice system. Studies by the Rand Corp.'s Institute for Social Justice found that only about 38 cents of every dollar spent on the lawsuits went to compensate victims. Fees to defense and plaintiffs' lawyers and other litigation costs absorbed the rest. Still, the private lawsuits, not government bans, caused the dramatic reduction in asbestos use.

Plaintiffs attorneys shouldn't get full credit — or blame — for the tobacco deal. Attorneys-general provided leadership, support and cover. Moreover, the litigation drew momentum from events in Washington — including the FDA's investigation of nicotine and explosive hearings in 1994 chaired by Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-CA).

Still, the plaintiffs lawyers were indispensable in bringing the industry to the table.

A nationwide consortium of law firms, known as the Castano group, exerted pressure by filing 21 statewide class-action suits against the cigarette makers. More potent still were the lawsuits filed by 39 state attorneys general, who assigned the real work of the cases to private lawyers.

In Mississippi, which filed the first of these suits in May 1994, private lawyers brought Attorney-General Mike Moore the idea of suing the industry to recover tax funds spent treating sick smokers. Moore then hired private firms to handle the case — not that he had much choice.

Facing a hostile reaction from the state's governor and legislature, Moore could only pursue the case on a no-cost basis.

It was much the same for other attorneys-general who later joined in. Few, if any, had the political or budgetary freedom to commit millions of dollars in state funds to a novel assault on an industry that had never lost in court. Only with private lawyers fronting the expenses and doing the work could the suits proceed.

It was a case of mutual advantage, said Stephen Gillers, a New York University law professor. The attorney general got "to bring a case that his office was probably unequipped to bring," while the private lawyers got "a halo effect" from having "the people" as their client.

Whatever its flaws, the proposed deal announced June 20 represented a dramatic shift in US tobacco policy, which had been long on scathing rhetoric but short on substance.



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# NEWS

of the muse

## Police put the bite on Christian Slater

Actor Christian Slater told police he had taken heroin and cocaine the morning he allegedly bit a man in the abdomen and scuffled with officers after a party, according to police reports.

Officers who wrestled with Slater last week said he told them he had taken the drugs and had been drinking for days. Slater's blood-alcohol level was measured at 0.24 percent, well above California's legal limit for drivers of 0.08.

Slater, 27, was arrested for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon. He was freed on \$50,000 bail.

Slater, whose movies include *True Romance* and *Heathers*, was confronted by police in a stairwell of a condominium where the party had taken place. He tried to grab an officer's holstered gun but was subdued with a hold that left him unconscious, police said.

Slater was allegedly punching girlfriend Michelle Jonas in the face when a resident of the apartment, Jacques Petersen, stepped in to help. Slater allegedly bit Petersen. (AP)

## Drug abuse also strikes Chinese actress

A Chinese actress who starred in an anti-drug film has died of an overdose. The death of 30-year-old Zhu Jie, a former drama-school classmate of screen superstar Gong Li, was confirmed Tuesday by Beijing Film Studios, the *Xinmin Evening News* reported.

The article was one of the first reports by official media of a drug-related death of a Chinese public figure. Drug abuse in China has soared since the loosening of social restrictions with economic reforms, and stories of drug abuse among artists and performers are increasingly common.

Zhu's movies included *Thunderstorm*, based on a popular Chinese play, and *Beijingers*. *Xinmin* noted the grim irony that she also starred in *Grownups*, which criticized illicit drug use in Chinese artistic circles.

"She couldn't get off the wrong path, and the film wound up becoming her swan song," the article said. (AP)

## The state of California vs. Woody Harrelson

Actor Woody Harrelson will pay a \$1,000 fine and teach California schoolchildren about the environment to make up for his climb on the Golden Gate Bridge.

Harrelson and eight others scaled the bridge last November in a traffic-jamming protest aimed at saving the Headwaters Forest, a redwood grove in Northern California.

The former *Cheers* actor and star of *The People vs. Larry Flynt* agreed to the fine and 20 to 25 hours of community service, said his lawyer, Douglas Horngard. In exchange, the charges are to be dropped on September 4. (AP)

## Altman planning to cut out

Veteran director Robert Altman is threatening to remove his name from his latest film, *The Gingerbread Man* - a dark thriller based on a John Grisham original screenplay - in a dispute with Polygram Pictures.

The studio says it brought in an editor to recut the \$25 million film, which stars Kenneth Branagh, Robert Downey Jr. and Robert Duvall, after four disappointing test screenings. Sources at Polygram said the studio had told Altman what needed to be fixed and asked him to make the changes.

When his final version still didn't meet studio expectations, Altman met with studio chiefs and accepted their decision to re-cut it in "a handshake agreement."

But the 72-year-old director told associates that studio executives told him they were pleased with his version, and that he intends to petition the Directors Guild to have his name removed from *The Gingerbread Man* if the film is recut. (LA Times)

## Morris and Mizrahi's glass menagerie

US choreographer Mark Morris, the *enfant terrible* of dance, and American fashion wonder boy Isaac Mizrahi combined to provide the Royal Opera Covent Garden with a sensuous comeback at the Edinburgh International Festival.

Morris, 40, brought his talent for fun and extravagance to a little-known 18th-century French opera-ballet and turned it into a riot of color that is likely to prove the hit of the three-week festival.

With Mizrahi, 35, designing the costumes for Jean-Philippe Rameau's *Platée*, the pair transformed the stage into a giant glass terrarium populated by dancing frogs, exotic birds, copulating sea turtles, and slithering snakes.

Morris, seen as one of the greatest choreographers, was making his debut as a director with the prestigious Royal Opera, which returned to the Edinburgh Festival last week for the first time since 1961. (Reuters)



Lounge lizards: Rolling Stones (from left) Keith Richards, Ronnie Wood, Charlie Watts and Mick Jagger relax before the announcement of their world tour.

# Rolling Stones gather no moss

By ELLEN WULFHORST

The Rolling Stones on Monday announced the details of an upcoming world tour, promising appearances in intimate clubs as well as cavernous stadiums that hold tens of thousands of fans.

Arriving at the press conference with typical bravado in a red 1955 Cadillac convertible, the band members disclosed the details of their Bridges to Babylon tour under the shadow of New York City's landmark Brooklyn Bridge.

The tour kicks off September 23 in Chicago and wraps up next summer in Europe after per-

formances in South America and Southeast Asia, Mick Jagger said.

Appearances will range from clubs and theaters with 2,000 or 3,000 seats to more traditional arenas, stadiums and racetracks.

The smaller venues are a chance to experiment a bit, guitarist Keith Richards said. "You want to touch the base, go back to where you came from," he said. "It gives us a chance to change the music. For us, it stops it from becoming rote."

Jagger, 54, joked with reporters who he said always want to know if this would be the band's last tour. "There's one thing I've always wanted to do," he said,

jumping in among the members of the press and turning to face the remaining band members on the dais.

"Is this going to be your last tour?" he asked them.

"Yeah, this and the next five," replied the graying, 53-year-old Richards.

Outside heavy security, a crowd of fans waited, hoping for a glimpse of the rock 'n' roll legends.

"They're awesome. They're going to set a world record with this tour," said Anthony Angello, a fan from a nearby suburb.

"Anybody who doubts them will be proved wrong again. They're

going to show these young bands how to do it."

Others, like 13-year-old Amanda Nicodemus, were less impressed. She attended the Stones press conference because her parents own the vintage car rented by the band for the occasion. "I think they're old," she said with a bored shrug. "They look old."

*Bridges to Babylon*, the Stones' new album on Virgin Records, is set to be released on September 30, Jagger said. The album is "full of fancy," said guitarist Ron Wood. "That's funk and dance." It is the band's first studio album since *Voodoo Lounge* in 1994, when they staged their last world

tour and reportedly earned over \$400 million.

The British band first began touring in the early 1960s and rose to stardom with such hits as "Jumpin' Jack Flash," "Satisfaction," "Brown Sugar," "Gimme Shelter," "Beast of Burden," and "Sympathy for the Devil."

The average ticket price will be \$55, said promoter Michael Cohl. The tour is sponsored by Sprint. Among the bands slated to open for the Stones are Blues Traveler, Sheryl Crow, Fio Fighters, the Dave Matthews Band, and Smashing Pumpkins. (Reuters)

# Channel 8's enriching roster

By ROBBY BERMAN

There's plenty more than just a "fine line" between a dilettante and a truly knowledgeable person. To move oneself in the direction of the latter, one would need to explore the many facets of literature, history, science, and culture. The wealthy intellectual enthusiast can visit the libraries and museums of the world but for the average Joe, this avenue is too tedious, time-consuming, and expensive. So what is one to do?

Try Channel 8. Conveniently it's located in your living room, the quality productions are quite grabbing, and all it costs is your monthly cable bill.

Does the science of Isaac Newton intrigue you? The music of Richard Wagner set your heart aflutter? On Sundays, Channel 8 offers an impressive array of biographies on such luminaries as Robert Frost and Anna Akhmatova. Isaac Newton, for example, who discovered - among many other things - that white light was a composite of all colors and created the foundations of calculus, was quite a melancholy person. This documentary explores his depressive personality as well as his scientific revelations.

Mondays are filled with interesting investigative pieces that will keep you riveted to your couch.

Tuesdays are science day. What is time? Composers say that music is a sculpture of time, physicists turn to the theory of relativity, and the ordinary man explains time as a linear continuation of events.

*Understanding: Time* interweaves pundits from the fields of philosophy, psychology, music, poetry and physics to unveil the significance of time in these different realms.

On Wednesdays, dim the lights and prepare yourself for a journey into the supernatural. Hypnosis is used world wide for entertainment benefits, for therapeutic practices, and by investigators trying to extract accurate testimony. *Andrew Wile: Self-Healing* is about this man's commitment to teach people about healing themselves. In this interesting film, he explains how the body's natural systems can heal itself.

On Fridays between 5 and 6:30, you can enjoy classical music mixed with insightful interviews with musicologists. They review some of Wagner's more famous operas. Most of the components of traditional opera were banned from *Ring of the Nibelung*, but they come together for this Wagnerian production.

From the thematic perspective, the opera touches upon central points of the Romantic German Weltanschauung: musically conservative as opposed to innovative, traditional German song, eternal melodies, etc.

The Open University is sprinkled into Channel 8's programming with documentaries on Hans Christian Andersen and Leonard Bernstein.

When was the last time you read - no, savored - a poem? Thursdays and Saturdays bring you original programs featuring indigenous poets as well as special features on Robert Frost and "the mother of Russian poetry,"

Anna Akhmatova (see box). These productions explore the development and the particular atmosphere which nurtured their

unique styles of writing.

These are only some of the highlights that Channel 8 is offering this month. So if you're

a curious person or just looking to be better educated, a little more informed, have a look at Channel 8.

## Love in Stalinist Russia

As part of its "Voices and Visions" poetry series, Channel 8 will tomorrow air an episode about the great Russian, pre- and post-revolutionary poet Anna Akhmatova. Born in 1889 to an aristocratic family, Akhmatova began writing in her teens and immediately was expected to become a great poet.

Not everyone was enthusiastic about her newfound career and her father asked her not to bring shame upon his name. She complied, taking the name Akhmatova, whose origin is from the clan of Genghis Khan.

At the turn of the century, Russia was experiencing a burst of artistic genius in the ranks of poetry, dance and music. Akhmatova's incoherent work dealt with the inner life of a young woman's nature.

She frequently read her work at the bohemian String Dog Cafe. Though her nature tended to be cheerful, it was reported that when she read her poetry she became extremely somber. Her work focused on human interactions in general, as well as the sad moments of love.

Often painted, her beautiful figure and aquiline nose became her trademark. New communist Russia demanded she write about society as the state saw it and not as she did. She daringly refused to comply, but yet resisted temptations to emigrate.

"... I hear whispers to 'leave Russia forever.' I will wash the blood from your hand, pluck the shame from your heart. I will hide with a different name your insults and your hurt."

Her ex-husband shot for anti-Bolshevik activities, her only son imprisoned because of her poetry, and her poetry banned left her dejected and poor.

"I drink to our ruined house, to our loneliness together. To you I raise my glass, to lying lips that have betrayed us, to dead cold pitiless eyes, that the world is brutal and coarse, and that God has in fact not saved us."

Akhmatova dared not commit her poem "Requiem" to writing and passed it along verbally to other poets. "At dawn they came to take you away, you walk like death, I walk behind. In the dark room children cry and the holy candle gasps for air."

During World War II Akhmatova was called upon to encourage the besieged masses of Leningrad over the radio. But in 1950 she was banned from any further publication for not writing "socialist realism."

Left without ration cards and worried for her soil-imprisoned son, she finally wrote what the communists demanded from her: a coral colored picture of Soviet life. "Where the tanks had rumbled there are peaceful tractors."

It had no effect. Her son still languished and she remained a cultural outcast. After Stalin's death, she wrote, "You wish that life could be glued together where it was broken off. But there is no such glue. Prisoners will return and two Russias will face each other. Those who were prisoners and those that made them prisoners."

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Anna Akhmatova

## OPERA WORKSHOP REVIEW

# Summer opera leaves 'em crying and laughing

By MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

The final week of the summer opera program of the Israel Vocal Arts Institute opened with two powerful presentations that focused on two pivotal extremes of the operatic repertoire - the traditional tragic romantic opera of the 19th century on the one hand and the satirical French operetta of the same period on the other.

Both events were highly successful with the standing-room-only audience applauding with unbounded enthusiasm and justifiably so, because both productions suggested that the present and future of opera in Israel is brighter than ever.

Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin*, a masterpiece in its own right, was performed by vir-

tually an all-local cast, mostly opera singers who came here from the former Soviet Union and were singing in their native tongue with ease. It was a stunning operatic evening, very carefully and stylistically directed by Joshua Major and conducted by Paul Nadler.

Among the singers, Denis Sedov presented all the warmth and love of prince Gremin, Evgeny Shapovalov managed to project the despair of a young man just before his death in a most touching manner, Lili Mogilevsky and Galina Malinsky added magic to the more elderly members of the dramatic personae, Susanna Poretsky was a very spirited Olga with her warm and caressing mezzo, and Victor Kotik, in one of his best performances to date, succeeded in presenting the spite and nonchalant manner of the protagonist.

Some of these opera singers, namely Sedov and Poretsky, already grace the leading opera stages of the world and some will undoubtedly do so in the future.

Like Larissa Tatiev, for example, as the heroine Tatyana. This time she projected the naive young girl turned into a mature society lady at the cost of her youth in a most delicate and passionate way in front of 300 people. In the future she will undoubtedly do that in front of thousands, because this role seemed to have been written for her. Her humane portrayal was the vocal and dramatic pivot of the entire production and she deserved the enthusiastic reception she got from the audience.

Offenbach's *La Grande Duchesse de Gerolstein*, under the direction and baton of Richard Barrett, was one of the funniest

operatic performances I have seen in a long time. This hilarious romp mixed the original French lyrics with Barrett's own English dialogue.

The audience laughed their hearts out but there was much more than good laughs: there was good singing, too, especially from the young lovers Hilda Ramos-Diaz and Stephen Guggenheim.

Yael Zamir, in the title role, is a splendid character mezzo who had the audience in the palm of her hand. The many smaller roles were all impressively portrayed by young and upcoming Israelis and visiting opera singers.

Lucy Amer was marvelous at the piano, as was Tania Kopilev in *Onegin*. Bottom line: It was summer opera on a small scale but with lots of panache and excitement.

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**Let's go fly a kite**  
Families gather yesterday at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem for the museum's 12th annual kite-flying event. It included a demonstration of kites from around the world. (Isaac Harari)

# Zuroff asks Australia to act against ex-Nazi

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

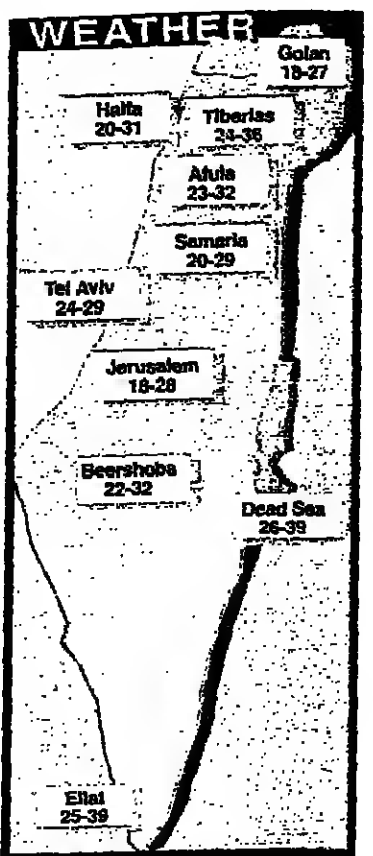
The Simon Wiesenthal Center yesterday asked the Australian government to act against Nazi war criminal Konrad Kalejs, who was due to land in Sydney last night after being deported from Canada on Monday. Efraim Zuroff, the center's Israel director, sent a letter to Australian Ambassador Ian Wilcox, urging the Australian government to either prosecute Kalejs under the Australian War Crimes Act, or to deport him. "Why should Australia, which sacrificed so many young men to defeat the Axis, afford a haven to someone like Kalejs?" he wrote. Zuroff hailed the Canadian decision to deport Kalejs, an officer in the notorious Araj Kommando which murdered tens of thousands of Jews in Latvia. "This is extremely important, because Canada used to prosecute Nazi war criminals on criminal charges, and wasn't very successful. The government only recently decided to deport them for immigration violations. Hopefully this change of tactics will bring positive results."

B'nai B'rith Canada, meanwhile, expressed satisfaction with the deportation, but warned the case "demonstrates the urgent need for Canada to implement effective criminal proceedings against suspected Nazi war criminals." David Mats, its senior legal counsel, said: "The current process means war criminals can enter Canada and delay, if not evade, deportation. The only effective remedy is the implementation of effective criminal proceedings for war crimes. Canada will avoid being a safe haven for Nazi and other war criminals currently on the run only if they know they will be tried here in criminal court for the offenses they have committed." Zuroff, who has tracked down several hundred Nazi collaborators from Latvia and Lithuania who escaped to Australia after World War II, said that one problem in getting the Australians to act was that they closed the special investigation unit which worked on such cases in 1992. An Australian Embassy official said she knew of the situation but lacked enough details to comment.

# Bonn urged to pay Holocaust claims

By ERIK KIRSCHBAUM

BONN (Reuters) - Germany should make long-overdue restitution payments to Eastern European survivors quickly, before the elderly Holocaust victims die, Israel Singer, secretary-general of the World Jewish Congress and leader of claims delegation to Bonn, said yesterday. He said time is running out for many who never received any compensation for their suffering. "We are fighting the clock, the biological clock," Singer told Reuters before the start of two-day negotiations with senior German government officials. "The average age of the Holocaust survivors is now over 80. This gives us very little time to resolve the issue. It's five minutes after 12." Singer said Germany had treated victims of the Holocaust with generosity and honorably. He said the Jewish Claims Conference (JCC) would press Bonn to treat Eastern European survivors the same way. "We are here to deal with those cases that have not yet been dealt with," Singer said, adding that he had received assurances of support from Chancellor Helmut Kohl. "We are very optimistic. We have great hopes that these talks will indeed serve to deal with those people who are aging rapidly." Singer said the delegation, made up of officials from the US, Israel, and Eastern Europe, would discuss the issue with Chancellery Minister Friedrich Bohl today. Other meetings are planned with Finance Ministry officials. Herbert Schmuelling, a government spokesman, said Bonn is also eager to reach a quick settlement with the survivors. Germany has paid about DM 100 billion in compensation to victims of Nazi crimes and injustice, but Holocaust victims in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union were excluded from remuneration during the Cold War. After the collapse of communism, lobby groups said that Eastern European victims were paid only a fraction of the amounts given to Western victims. They argue that even though Germany set funds aside for them, this only amounted to a maximum of DM 1,000 in one-time payments, while people living in Germany received about DM 500 a month. Many victims' groups have been further angered by reports that Germany has been paying supplementary pensions worth billions of marks each year to Nazi war criminals. Bonn says Germany had set aside DM 1.5b. for Jewish Holocaust survivors in Poland, Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus, and argued that these hard-currency payments went far in the poor economies of the former eastern bloc. But campaigners complain that victims in some countries have received no payments at all.

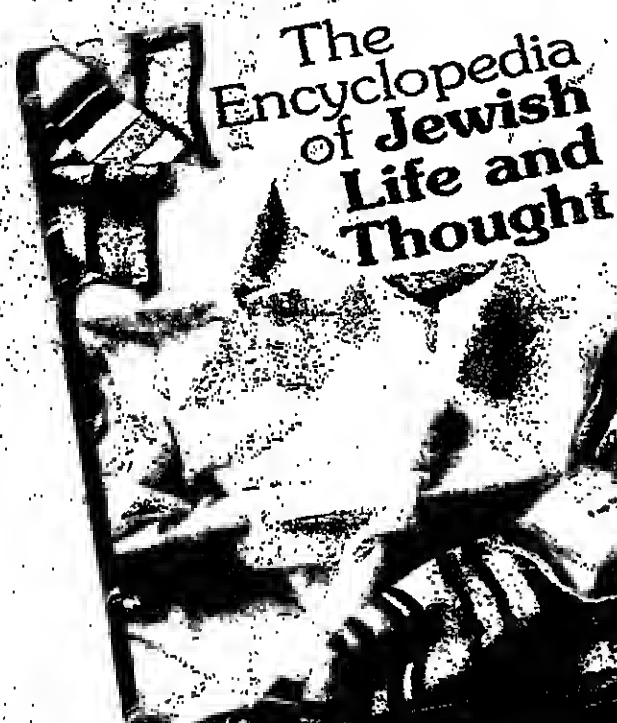


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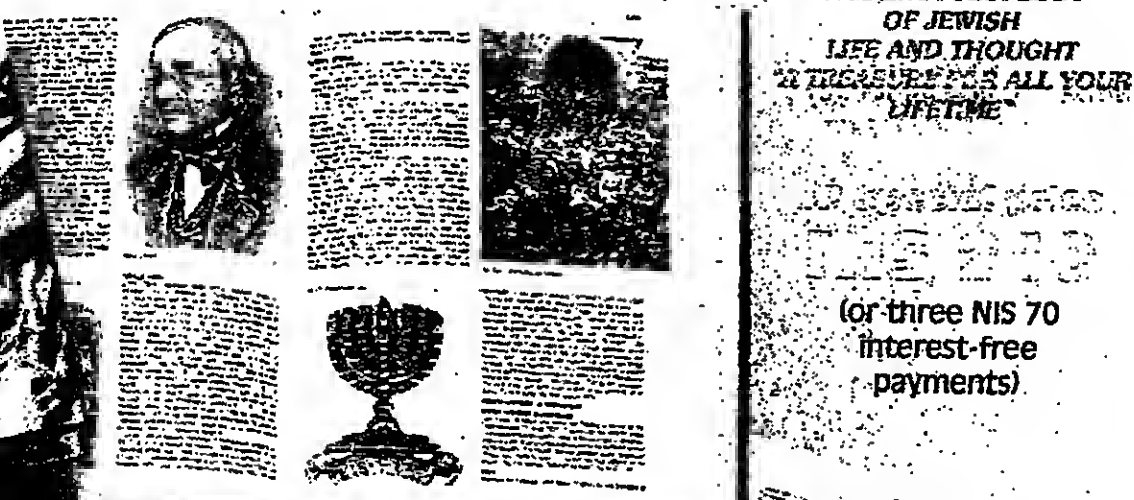
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### Rishon youth is European chess champ

Alex Kondin, 16, of Rishon LeZion, won the gold medal late Monday night in the European chess championship for youth up to age 16, held in Tallinn, Estonia. He won seven out of nine games, and drew the other two, playing against all the leading young chess masters of Europe.

Kondin is a former silver medalist in the European under-12 class. Three months ago, he won the Israeli qualifying round for the 16-and-under competition with a rare nine victories in nine games.

Kondin is to represent Israel in the up-to-16 world championships in Yerevan, Armenia, in September.

Michael Roiz, of Beersheba, won the silver medal in the up-to-14 European championships, also in Estonia. *Itim*

## Book: Top German doctors experimented on human beings

BONN (Reuters) - Hundreds of German doctors who performed cruel medical experiments on human beings during the Nazi era moved unpunished into post-war careers, according to a new book.

Ernst Klee, author of *Auschwitz: The Nazi Doctors and their Victims*, said in an interview with ARD television yesterday that other physicians emigrated to the US to take up research jobs.

"The elite of the medical profession was involved, that can be proven," he said. "With these experiments, they laid the basis for their careers."

Typical experiments included the injection of concentration camp inmates with the typhoid virus, limb amputations, and causing death by exposure to extreme cold.

One German physician who Klee said had cut off the legs of female camp inmates for experimental purposes is still occupying a highly paid research post at a German pharmaceutical group.

"He earns more each month than his victims were able to earn in the rest of their lives," Klee said.

"Hundreds of people were, if they survived at all, turned into life-long invalids." He didn't identify the doctor.

Klee said the initial lack of

evidence about experiments on humans and the Nazi euthanasia program meant very few doctors and other medical workers came before the Nuremberg war crime trials.

The most infamous Nazi doctor of all, so-called "Angel of Death" Josef Mengele, is believed to have escaped to Argentina and to have lived there until 1979.

He performed hundreds of gruesome medical experiments on twins, gypsies, and dwarfs at the Auschwitz camp between 1943 and 1944, in an effort to produce a German "master race."

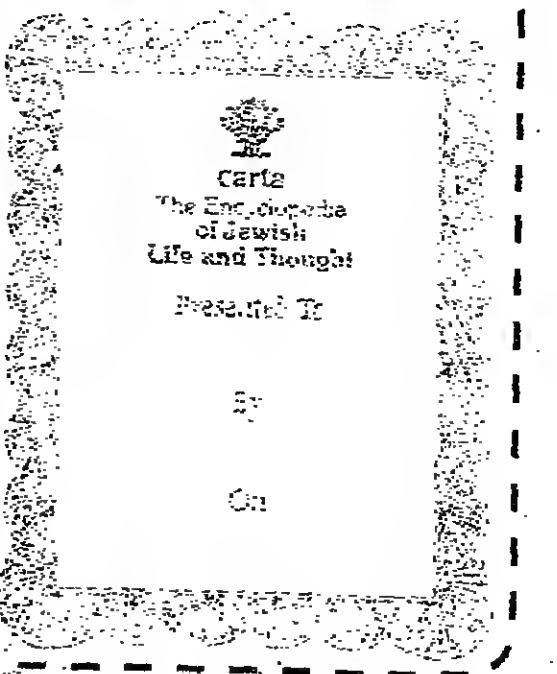
Klee said the extent to which the German medical profession had participated in Nazi war crimes is at least as significant as the continuing examinations of the role played by other parts of German industry.

German banks have recently been urged to follow their Swiss counterparts and reveal their role in the "Aryanization" program that stripped Jews of their money and other assets.

Insurer Allianz AG is meanwhile trying to secure an agreement with Holocaust victims who are part of a US class action against 16 European insurance firms. Holocaust victims say they are owed billions of dollars on policies signed during the Nazi period.

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